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"There has to be some control [over beavers] or they will get diseases and they will all die. Trapping is really just farming wild animals."

Brian Austen, a long-time trapper, on page 13

Rail trail idea irks ATV prez

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Tourism in Haliburton county will be dealt "a serious blow" if county council endorses a rail trail committee recommendation to not allow ATVs on the rail trail in the summer, says the president of the Haliburton ATV Club.

"We're quite shocked," Mark Coles said after hearing committee chairman Jim Blake present his report to council on Wednesday. "Our understanding was that we'd have full use of the trail in the non-winter months."

"I can't understand, when you have a major artery that brings people in from other jurisdictions, how a consideration could be made to shut it down. To me it defies logic."

Coles says that a survey shows that ATVs are the main users of the county-owned trail between Kinmount and Haliburton in the summer. The club got 400 signatures, primarily from businesses, on a petition asking that ATVs be allowed to use the trail year-round except in the winter, when the snowmobile club has exclusive

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Martha Perkins/TIMES

'Eye love you'

Dakota Bunnett went heels over head when giving a rousing rendition of "Skinamarink" at CHACE Daycare's Valentine's Day party on February 13. "Eye love you," he sings before blowing a big kiss and toppling over.

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Chamber concerned about funding threat

New tourism association may be rival for County money

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

When asking the county on Wednesday to contribute \$165,000 towards its efforts to promote the county outside its borders, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce also wanted to counteract the funding threat posed by the new Haliburton Tourism association.

Although Haliburton Tourism did not formally ask the county for funding during its deputation last month, it did ask for assistance in its quest to put more "heads in beds" in Haliburton County.

There is a fear among Chamber members that any money the county may give to Haliburton Tourism will come out of the yearly fee-for-service given to the Chamber to achieve the same goal.

Chamber president Bob Hall began his presentation to county council on Wednesday by referring to several comments made by Scott de Savoye, the general manager of Delta Pinestone Resort and the head of Haliburton Tourism. Savoye has said that part of the motivation behind forming the new group has been frustration over the county's website. He said that when people do an Internet search for Haliburton, they're more likely to come up with a reference to the Texas oil company, Halliburton.

Hall said that when he did a Google search for Haliburton, the chamber's website came to the top of the list.

As well, Hall noted that when Savoye came to county council last year as the Chamber's vice-president, he told council that the Chamber was doing a very good job and

fully deserved the county's financial support for marketing.

Hall said that between 1998 and 2000, the number of visitors to the Highlands increased by 30%; the amount of money they spent here increased by 66%.

"We don't think or even suggest," Hall said, "that we're doing 'the best' job. We're doing the best job we can do. The statistics seem to say that what the Chamber is doing for marketing is working."

The Chamber maintains a 1-800 number and callers to that number talk to a real person who works out of the welcome centre in Minden. "We're trying to give them the information they need so they have a good visit and want to come back."

Chamber representatives attend several trade shows. "We try to pick the shows where we can get the best bang for our buck."

It publishes the annual Destination Guide, the only one of its kind for Haliburton County.

"I want to assure the county that we will continue to spend taxpayers' dollars as wisely and prudently as we can."

The Chamber is having its marketing approach evaluated because "we want to stop doing the wrong things and continue doing the right things."

Hall told council that "I'm not a marketing expert. If I was a manager of a resort with 90% occupancy, I could sit here and tell you that I am. I'm an accountant. My job is to help the organization stay on track."

When Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey asked why the welcome centre was closed on weekends, Chamber employee Heather Deveaux said the centre was open six days a week in the winter and seven days a week in the summer. Tracking of calls and visits to the centre indicates that the

office is busiest during the week, not on weekends.

"People arrive on Friday, Saturday they're playing and Sunday they're heading home," said board member Eric Christianson. "They do their inquiries [about where to go] during the week."

Christianson argued that if the Chamber is to build on the momentum the county has helped it to establish after the Randolph Report recommended an increase in the fee-for-service, its funding levels must be sustained.

As to Warden Bill Davis's comment that the Chamber is now serving a broader spectrum of businesses in the county, which is perhaps why Tourism Haliburton members feel their needs are being overlooked, Christianson said that as an accommodation owner, he belongs to both organizations. "Haliburton Tourism's sole purpose is to rent rooms. The Chamber's initiative is not just that. The two organizations can work together; we can get people up here for a variety of reasons. Haliburton Tourism is a fledgling organization. It will take them two to three years before they reach a point where they're effective. If the county is to be successful it has to address all issues. The Chamber is to go after the whole market so all businesses will benefit from drawing people here."

There are 360 Chamber members and Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison applauded its efforts to include members outside of the tourism industry. She noted that these efforts were partly at the behest of the county, which wanted it to serve the wider community.

"These were the things we asked you to do and I think you've done an excellent job since then."

Her deputy-reeve, Tom Gardner, who represents the county on the Chamber's board, said "The Chamber supplies a service for a fee to market everything in Haliburton County, regardless of their membership. If you start breaking it down and spending money piecemeal, it's a splinter effect and you won't get a bang for your buck. You have to stick with the Chamber."

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Singing his praises

Prestigious Canadian Merit Scholarship awarded to Carnarvon's Josh Wales for his singing

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Few people are focused on what they want to accomplish in life by the age of 18. Josh Wales is an exception. He has known for some time that a life on stage is what he wants but it wasn't until recently that he decided that singing will be his vocation.

Already an accomplished pianist, it wasn't until four or five years ago that he started exercising his vocal chords – musically, that is. Acting is also a passion for Wales. He has been acting since he was in elementary school.

Goals Wales has set for himself are a step closer now that he has been awarded a Canadian Merit Scholarship.

A total of 4,000 students were nominated Canada-wide for 30 Canadian Merit Scholarships. Through regional and provincial processes, the number was trimmed to 72 finalists. Wales is one of the 30 from across the country who received the prestigious award from the Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation. The scholarship amounts to about \$48,000 over four years.

True to his nature, Wales has plans for where he wants to apply that educational funding, along with back-ups.

"McGill is my first choice," he said. "But I have applied to some others as well. I'm very excited."

Will we ever see Josh Wales on *Canadian Idol*? That won't happen. "Canadian Idol is not my style," he said.

Wales has been described as a very focused individual and a workaholic.

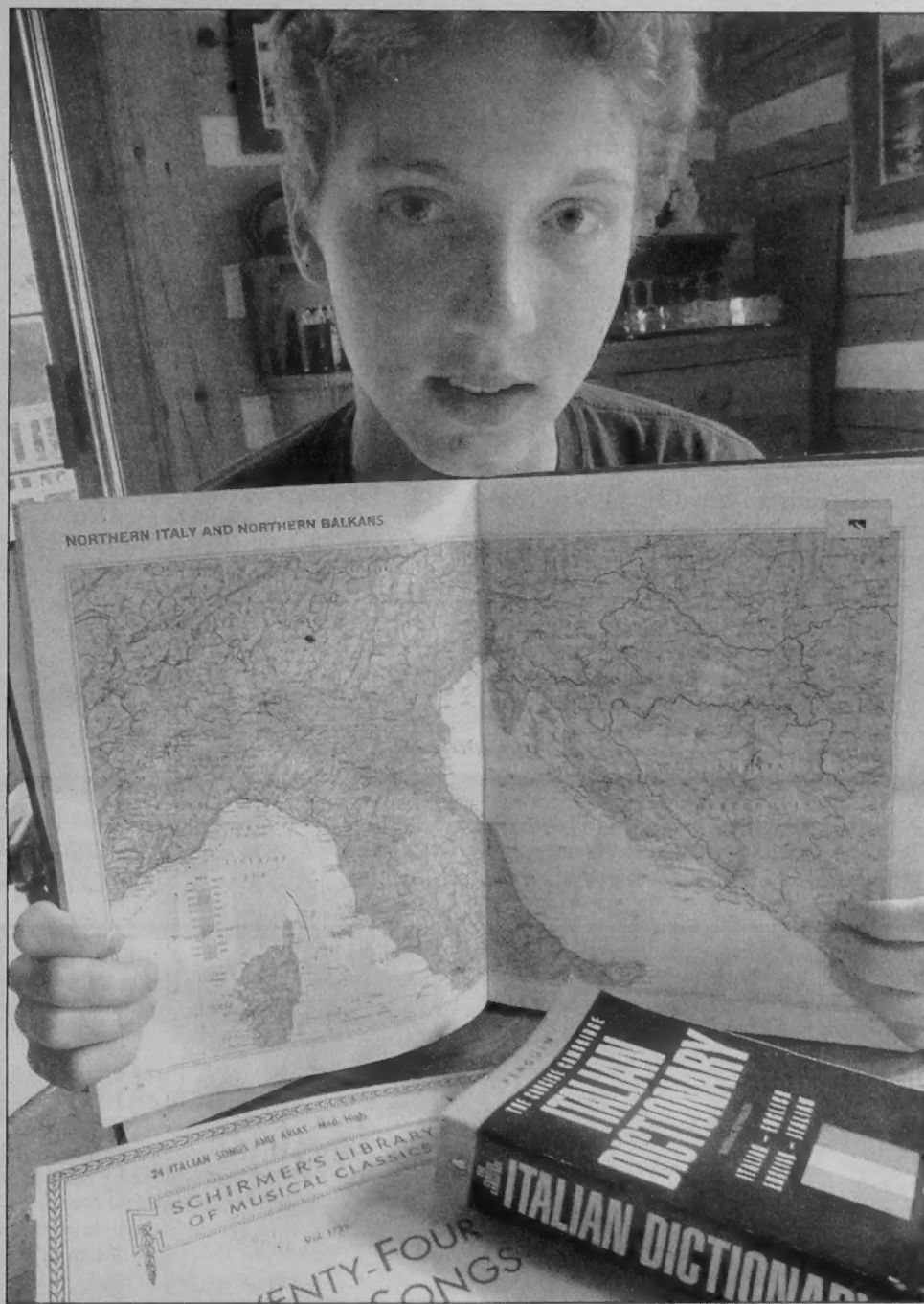
"I've worked very hard to achieve my goals and I'm pretty focused on what I'm doing now," he said. "I like being busy."

Graham and Debbie Wales are Josh's parents. He says without their support he would never have been able to accomplish his goals. "My parents are very supportive," Wales said. "They are a key part of my life."

Wales plays trombone in the HHSS Swing Band. He is a member of the Nordic Ski Team, he serves on the Student Council and he is a participant in the Student Lunch Buddy Program.

Although he didn't mention it, Wales is the lead student co-ordinator of the Student Lunch Buddy Program. He credits Educational Assistant Linda Brandon, who works with special needs students, as an inspiration.

Brandon said Wales is a motivator. "He helps to organize events and enlists volunteers to ensure there are enough buddies so



Josh Wales is no stranger to honours; last year he returned from a Rotary exchange trip to Italy (when this photo was taken) and he is well-known for his abilities as an actor.

the kids in Special Education have friendship," Brandon said. She said the program is about creating lunchtime friendships and interaction that Special Education students might not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy. The high school operates the Student Lunch Buddy Program in co-operation with Community Living of Haliburton County.

Wales lists among his mentors piano teacher Melissa Stephens and voice coach Lorelyn Morgan.

"He has a healthy zest for life, with a

sense of humour. He's an intense guy and he does things with a purpose." Those were the words of HHSS Principal Gary Brohman.

"He's a wonderful young man. He sets his dreams and he goes after them. He's a good all-around guy, an accomplished musician, a great actor and he's fluently bilingual," Brohman added.

Josh Wales has always lived in the Carnarvon area, with the exception of the time he spent as a Rotary exchange student in Italy.

Stop stealing stop signs, police ask

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Club has advised the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment that a large number of stop signs along the various trails in the County have gone missing.

OPP officers would like to remind the public that the removal or theft of these signs could result in a criminal charge being laid against the person(s) responsible. A serious collision could result from the theft of the signs.

Anyone with information about the theft of these signs can call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Lochlin landfill still closed

It may appear that the Lochlin dump is back in operation, but Minden Hills Ross Rigney explained that it is serving only as a transfer site. "We'll have to remove the garbage that is being stockpiled there," he said.

Rigney is adamant that the municipality hasn't given up the fight to keep the Lochlin landfill site open. "We are meeting with the Minister at the ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipalities' Association) conference next week," he said.

For the time being, the Lochlin dump is serving as a transfer station.

Drug bust in Norland nets marijuana, cocaine

Police seized 700 grams of marijuana, 35 grams of cocaine and a number of prescription drugs from a Norland house Feb. 12. Four Laxton Township men also face numerous drugs and weapons charges after the search warrant at the Monck Road home was executed by the Kawartha Combined Forces Drug Unit and Kawartha Lakes OPP. The men are aged 21, 30 and 43. Police also seized a butterfly knife, which is a prohibited weapon, and \$101 in cash.

So far this year, the drug unit has seized more than 100 grams of cocaine from the Peterborough and Kawartha Lakes area.

Highlands Little Theatre's Bedroom Farce opens March 4

When the cast still breaks up with laughter two and a half months after the start of rehearsals you know the Alan Ayckbourn play *Bedroom Farce* is going to keep the audience in stitches.

Donna Gagnon is directing the Highlands Little Theatre production of *Bedroom Farce*. She is convinced nobody will go away from a performance of the play disappointed.

"It takes place in three bedrooms with four couples, all on stage at the same

time," she said. "It is very well paced.

"We're still laughing our heads off in rehearsal."

One couple – Trevor and Suzanne – are having marital problems and they feel the solution to their problems is to share them with their friends. The British playwright weaves the troubled couple in and out of the bedrooms of the other three couples with hilarious results. The other couples are Ernest and Delia, played by Doug Brohm and Carolyn Emmerson, Malcolm

and Kate, played by Jack Brezina and Maureen Johnson, and Nick and Jan, played by Mike Johnston and Lianne Joiner.

Bedroom Farce opens Thursday, March 4 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion and runs for three consecutive days. Show time is 8 p.m. all three days.

Tickets are available in Minden at The Storeroom or in Haliburton at Cranberry Cottage.

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ATV idea a compromise

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use.

He also argued that hikers and bird-walkers have access to many other trails in the county, many of which are under-utilized.

"Why not use these trails," he says. "ATVs don't go on municipal hiking trails but the rail trail has always allowed motorized use."

He says that people who want to pursue non-motorized uses would have quiet access to the trail by not allowing ATV use before 10 in the morning.

Coles, however, does agree with other facets of the report which call, for instance, for all ATV and Enduro bike users to belong to a recognized organization.

In his report to council, Blake noted that the public process of deciding who gets to use the rail trail elicited strong responses from people on all sides of the issue.

"From the outpouring of involvement and participation [at public meetings and through written presentations], the use of trails is something people care passionately about," he said.

It's taken three years to come up with the recommendations, which were unanimously agreed upon by all committee members. "It's been a long haul," said Blake, who was praised for his own commitment to the process.

Blake said that the recommendations enshrine the concept of multi-use and also honour the county's decision to give the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association exclusive use of the trail in the winter. However, those winter months were changed to allow ATVs to use the trail in the month of November, when it's unlikely there's enough snow for grooming.

Part of the rationale for restricting ATV use in the summer – from the fourth week of June to September 1 – is to help with noise and dust concerns.

Blake stressed that if passed, the policies can be re-visited and changed in the future. "This is not necessarily etched in stone."

"We're not getting our fair share of anything," Coles responded. "I think it's a big mistake, huge mistake."

Meanwhile, along with the requirement that ATV and Enduro bike riders be members of established organizations, the clubs' responsibilities could include the following:

- issue permits and manage membership
- monitor and enforce proper usage
- ensure members are properly licensed and insured
- carry insurance that covers all liability related to ATV/Enduro use on the trail and list the county as co-insured
- contribute to the maintenance and proper signage of the trail
- respond to issues arising from ATV/Enduro use on the trail and
- actively participate in a partnership with the county and the OPP to develop an effective enforcement program.

There will be a licensed system of permits to allow some people, such as those who need the trail to access their property, to use motorized vehicles year-round. Consideration to break the rules will also be given to special events.

Council council accepted the report but not did vote on any of the recommendations, except for the one to form a rail trail management committee with representation from all user groups.

All the volunteers were thanked for their hard work over the past years.



There has been real passion on both sides of the Rail Trail issue: ATVers want to use the trail more often than just spring and fall while others don't want them on it at all.



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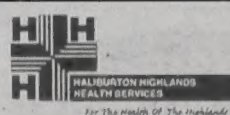


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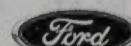
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County wants to restrict ATV road access

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

The county is exposing itself to a huge liability risk if it opens all of its roads to ATV travel, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said as he led the charge to restrict access to only those portions of roads that link existing trails at Wednesday's county council meeting.

"Why go beyond what we've been asked for [by the Haliburton ATV Club] and put our taxpayers at risk," Fearrey asked. He says there's no way the county could do due diligence in ensuring that sides of county roads are safe for ATV travel, and without that due diligence, the county could be found partly liable should there be an accident.

He was responding to opening comments by the operations manager of the county roads department. Referring to a by-law on the table that would open all county roads to ATV travel, not just the portions requested by the ATV club, Doug Ray said, "It's not something I would personally recommend but all the municipalities have agreed to it."

"I think ATVs will be a problem if we don't try to control them somehow. I believe there will be a liability issue and a



Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey doesn't want to expose taxpayers to the risk of a lawsuit by opening all County of Haliburton roads to ATV travel. (File photo.)

big maintenance issue."

Fearrey noted that Nova Scotia is already experiencing liability issues and is about to restrict ATV travel. He questioned the proposed by-law which would allow free travel along Cty. Rd. 21 between Minden and Haliburton. Although there will be an economic spin-off from increasing opportunities for recreational ATving, he did not believe the benefits would outweigh the potential insurance costs.

Other councillors, however, were worried about how the police could effectively patrol the roads if only portions of them were open to ATVs.

"Are we missing a point," Highlands East Deputy-reeve Bill Howe asked in his rhetorical style. "Are we assuming that all ATVs will belong to the club [and therefore know what portions of the roads are open]? What will happen?"

"If people come into the county they wouldn't know if they're on a closed sec-

tion or an open one and it would be difficult to enforce. The OPP wants to treat everyone equally."

Fearrey said the onus is on ATVers to know where they are allowed to travel. And while the OPP was originally in favour of opening all roads to make it easier to enforce rules, he says that in his conversations with the detachment, the police are now more worried about safety if all roads are open.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said she would stick with her council's wish to open all county roads within her township's boundaries. The three major highways which border the township are all open "so to not allow them on our county roads did not make sense."

With family members who are active ATVers, she also argued that safety was not going to be as big an issue as feared.

"There's an assumption that ATVers are waiting for the roads to open and they'll

go crazy," she said. "Highway 118 and Highway 35 have been open [for several months.] I travel both of these highways and I have not seen any more ATVs since they've been open. There's no enjoyment running a county road or a highway. ATVers are nervous on a 118 or 35. They'll get off as soon as they can. ATVs are designed to be an off-road vehicle and that's what they want to do."

When councillors appeared to be heading towards deferring the motion to open all county roads and taking the next month to draft a motion which would restrict access to only those portions requested by the ATV club, CAO Gary King said that regardless of what the county decides next month, the county should let the ATV club go ahead with its map of trails in the county. Only those county road links between trails should be identified.

Council agreed with his suggestion, as well as the motion to defer the by-law until next month's meeting.

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Dr. Zsuzsanna Kaszas will be working at the Kinmount Community Medical Centre.

Finally! Kinmount gets a new doctor

Dr. Zsuzsanna Kaszas joins Dr. Elena Mihi

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

A long and concerted effort to attract another doctor to the Kinmount Community Medical Centre has paid off. Dr. Zsuzsanna Kaszas will be joining Dr. Elena Mihi in July.

Dr. Kaszas was a physician in Hungary before coming to Canada in 1993. She has completed all her examinations and is in the process of finishing her residency requirements. By the end of June, those requirements will be met and she and her husband and two children will be moving to the family cottage in the Minden area. Dr. Kaszas expects to be working from the

Kinmount Medical Centre by the end of July.

"I was looking for opportunities in this area," she said. Part of the residency portion of her certification included working in a few areas of her choice. She spent two weeks in Minden and two weeks in Haliburton. Those four weeks gave Dr. Kaszas the opportunity to get an indication of working life in this area. The posters and newspaper articles about the Kinmount Community Medical Centre's attempt to attract a second physician led her to meet with the recruitment committee.

"I went to see three places and I liked Kinmount the most," she said.

As chair of the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation, Ted Wilkes said he spoke on behalf of the Foundation, as well as the entire community when he said, "The whole community is pretty excited. She will be a good partner for Elena." (Dr. Elena Mihi has been Kinmount's only resident doctor since 1999.)

"A lot of people have supported us over the years and it's finally paying off. She saw the signs [which were posted along all roads leading to Kinmount] and your article in the paper," Wilkes added.

The process of renovating the clinic to accommodate a second full-time doctor has already begun with the hiring of a contractor. The actual renovations are slated to start next week.

Wilkes said one of the most important aspects of the search for a doctor was to find someone who is compatible with Dr. Mihi.

"It is really exciting, especially for the community," Dr. Mihi said. "It will be really nice to have a colleague across the hall." Having a second opinion in the same building is a luxury Dr. Mihi appreciates as well.

Dr. Mihi said a waiting list of about 500 people exists for the Kinmount Community Medical Centre. Posters and advertisements have encouraged people to send letters to the Medical Centre from families and individuals wishing to be put on the waiting list for Dr. Kaszas. "A few hundred letters have been received already," Dr. Mihi said. "No doubt she'll have about 2,000 by the time she gets here."

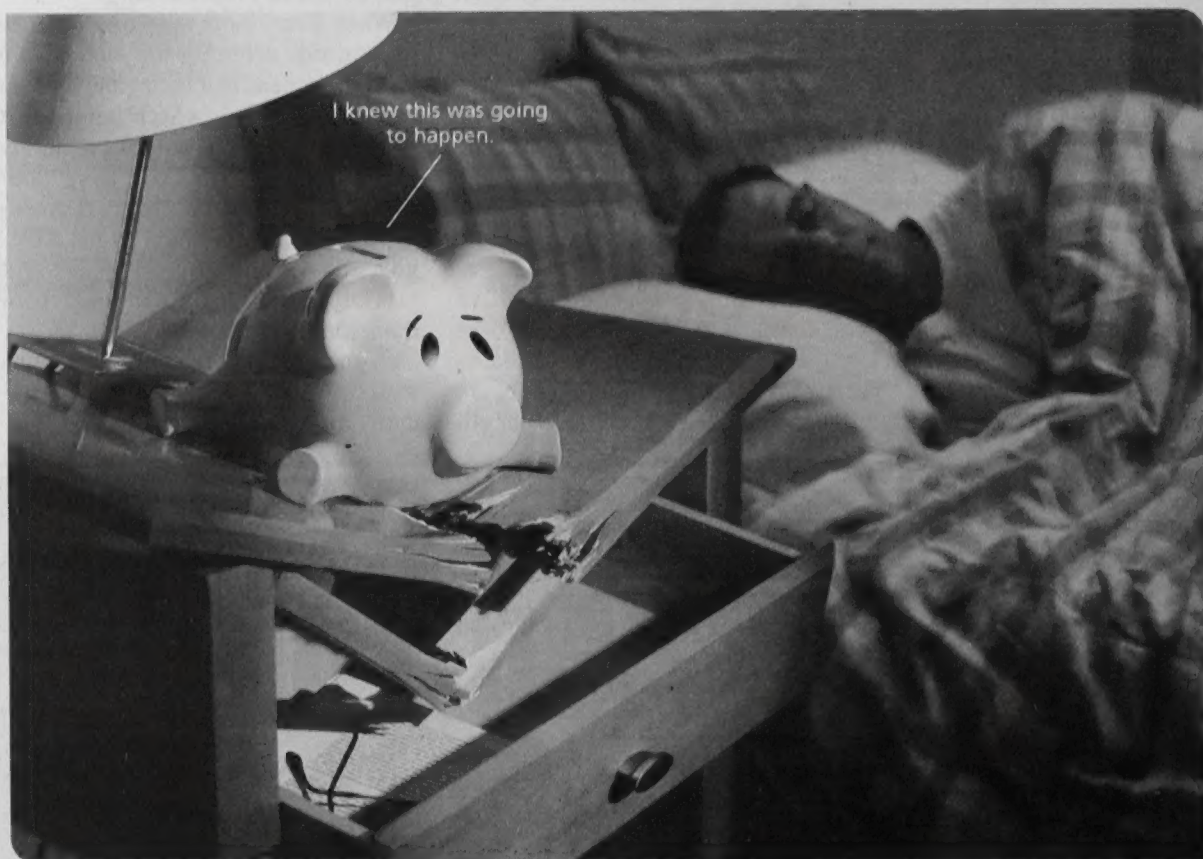
Dr. Mihi said that, depending on the number of hours a doctor is willing to work, 2,000 patients is a manageable number. Dr. Mihi has about 2,000 patients and she said people seldom have to wait longer than 15 minutes.

Dr. Mihi has met with Dr. Kaszas on several occasions and she has been favourably impressed. "She's very bright and motivated," Dr. Mihi said. "She is going to be a great addition to our practice. I'm looking forward to her arrival."

Dr. Mihi credits Wilkes for his endless work and energy. "Ted is so amazing. He's the main organizer," she said, adding that the entire group is dedicated and hard working.

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What to do, what to do?

Fate of Minden Hills municipal building still up in the air

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times Staff

The future of the Minden Hills municipal building is still up in the air.

Having already scrapped the idea of financing a brand new municipal building, council has now rejected a plan to spend over a million dollars on the renovation and expansion of the existing structure.

Architect Duncan Ross, who was instructed by council in early January to design a new addition, told councillors last Thursday that a renovated municipal building large enough to house all town-ship employees will cost \$1.25 million.

Ross presented two drawings at the Committee of the Whole meeting last Thursday. The first was an option with only a partially completed second floor, while the second option had a finished second storey. The difference in cost is \$50,000.

"The second option gives you room to grow," Ross said after presenting the two drawings.

The price Ross quoted is approximately \$300,000 less than it would have cost to construct a new building entirely. The renovation would add nearly 7,000 square feet of space to the existing structure,

including 2000 square feet in the basement, Ross said.

"I may be able to reduce the price, but I don't want to sugar coat it," he said.

Some councillors expressed concern over the scale and cost of this renovation.

"It seems to me that the scope has gotten so much bigger than what was discussed," Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon said.

Ross insisted, however, that four weeks ago he submitted a progress report to CAO Gerry Morrison and asked if he should proceed.

"I received the go-ahead," he said.

Ross reminded councillors that his drawings are just a preliminary submission and now is the time to scale down the design if need be.

"You need to tell me you can't afford this and where you are willing to make sacrifices," he said. "I can't read your minds."

Councillor Cheryl Murdoch said it would be nice to house everyone in one building.

"But it comes down to how much space we can get for how much money we can spend," she said.

Reeve Ross Rigney said council needed some time to decide what their needs are and how much money they are willing to

part with to see this project completed.

At a building committee meeting held later that day, council decided to reject this proposal and ask Ross to scale down the building further.

"They asked me to redesign and reduce the scope of that addition," Ross said. "They are asking for a reduction of about 30 per cent."

It is still unclear whether a scaled-down version of the building will mean that some employees will have to continue using the Lutterworth office, but Bob Romberg, property operations manager, says that's highly unlikely.

Driving up the cost of the expansion is the problem with the soil on which the building stands. The soil is so poor, Ross said, that piles made of wood logs or steel posts have to be inserted into the ground all the way down to the bedrock before any addition can be built.

The original two-storey building was built on these piles, but the courthouse addition wasn't, which has made it unstable.

"It's gently settling," Ross said. "About 2-3 inches already."

The foundation costs for piles could be 25-40 per cent greater than a regular foundation, Ross said. "It's a more complex operation."

It is impossible to tell how far down the piles would have to go because bedrock can vary from one place to the next.

"It could be 20 feet in one spot and 60 in another," he said. "But hopefully we will get lucky."



Minden Hills councillors are still wrestling with what to do about the municipal building they currently call home.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

It's inexcusable

Those groups which have chosen to 'Adopt-A-Highway' are likely to be busier than usual this spring, once the snow has receded. Litter is noticeably more prevalent and much of it is traceable back to one location.

Too many of those among us who prefer the convenience of having a hot beverage and a bite to eat available in a drive-through are also too lazy to deposit the leftovers in the garbage. They would rather just throw it out the window than take it home and put it in the garbage where it belongs.

A reader who lives on the Horseshoe Lake Road said somebody who drinks tea from Tim Hortons is consistent, throwing his or her cup out along the same stretch of road almost on a daily basis.

We're not blaming Tim Hortons. We've heard they are good corporate citizens. Neither the company nor the franchise owner is responsible for what customers do with the containers or wrappers in which their products are packaged.

Litterbugs may not realize they are not only creating an eyesore but they are also doing a huge disservice to the company which is providing them with the convenience of a drive-through.

Littering is not only disgusting, it's illegal.

A by-law was passed on June 14, 1972 to prohibit littering in the Townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden. It specifies that people convicted of the offense are subject to fines of up to \$300 plus court costs. That by-law is still enforceable within Minden Hills.

Littering is also a provincial offense. Section 180 of the Highway Traffic Act states: Littering highway prohibited. Every person who throws or deposits or causes to be deposited any glass, nails, tacks, or scraps of metal or any rubbish, refuse, waste or litter upon, along or adjacent to a highway, except in receptacles provided for the purpose is guilty of the offense of littering the highway.

Constable Mark McMaster of the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the OPP says charges have been laid under Section 180 of the HTA when officers have observed people throwing litter from vehicles.

Private citizens can also file a complaint if someone is observed littering. A positive identification of both the vehicle (make, model, colour and licence plate number) and the driver/occupant responsible are necessary. The complainant must be willing to testify in court.

McMaster says it is more difficult to get a conviction without an officer being there to effect a vehicle stop, but it has been done.

Perhaps a couple of suggestions for Tim Hortons might be in order.

One, a sign placed prominently at the end of the drive-through with the three words "please don't litter" might serve as a reminder to motorists to dispose of cups and wrappers appropriately.

Two, garbage containers placed along the drive-through, within easy reach of the driver's side of a vehicle might encourage people to keep the leftovers from a previous visit until they make a return trip. It may take more than one container to serve all customers.

The province could help the general litter situation by providing pull-off areas along highways where refuse containers are readily available. Again, if drivers were able to deposit their refuse without getting out of their vehicles it would be more effective.

The same applies to municipalities. If more containers are available, it might just reduce the amount of garbage along the sides of the road.

To our police officers on patrol - we'd appreciate a zero tolerance approach to litterbugs.

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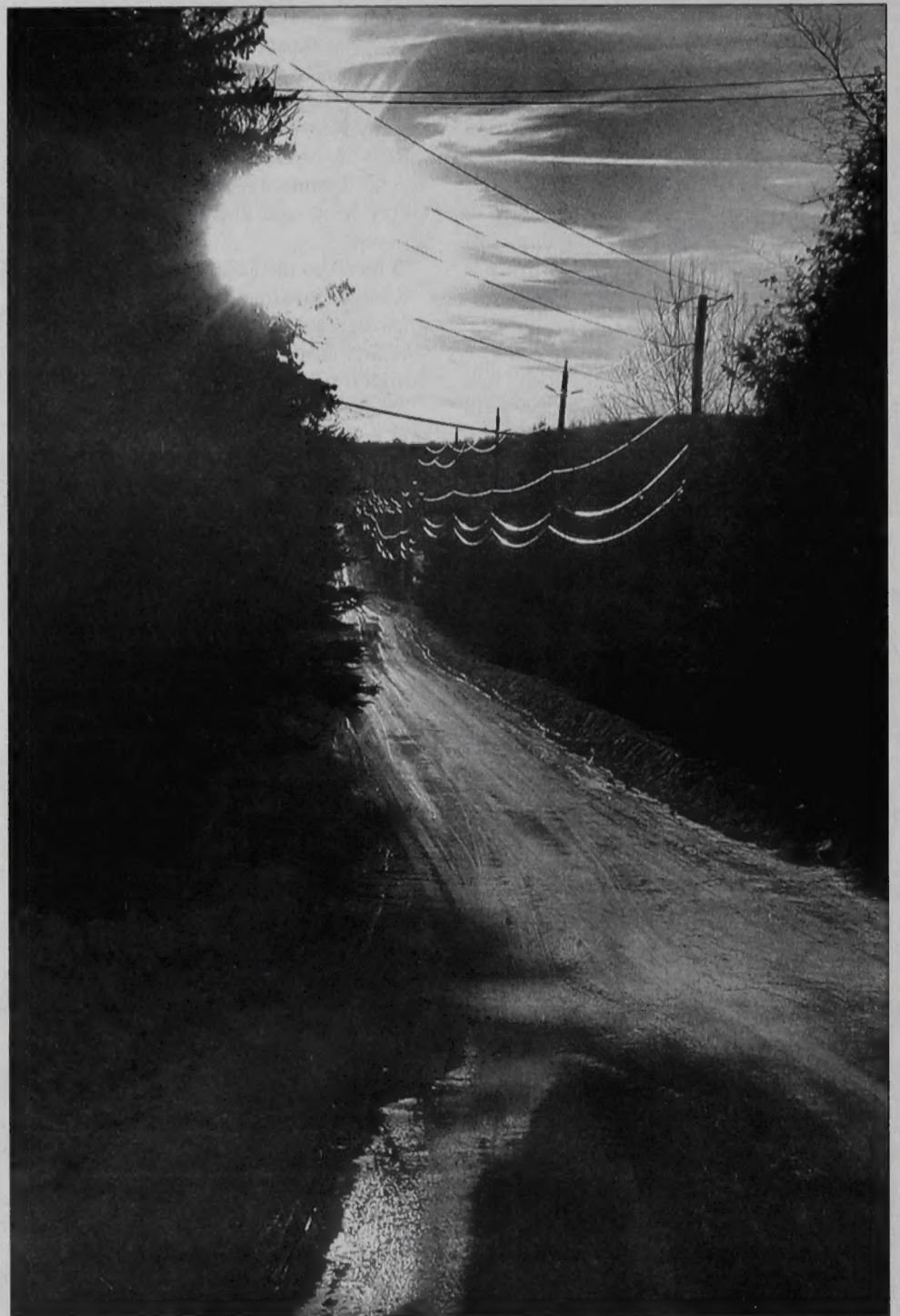
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Day's end

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Some matters of fact

To the Editor:

In response to Sharon Virtue's letter of last week (municipality does nothing for us), I have a few thoughts to share.

Firstly, what an amazing and error-filled diatribe!

On the one hand Ms. Virtue seems quite pleased about her third generation log cabin but then complains about the insurance. What does it have to do with the municipality? Ummmm, nothing. And her two woodstoves? No, that has nothing to do with the township either. So let's move on.

Her cabin is only accessible seven months of the year because ... let me guess: it's not winterized. And the road? I'll bet it's private. That's private, not municipal. Why on earth would the municipality pay for a private road? Maybe they'll pay her Visa bill if she asks nicely.

And I just have to ask: why would any-

one admit to taking their garbage back to the city when GTA landfill issues are more contentious than ours? (Wait till she finds out recycling is mandatory! That'll throw her for a loop, eh?)

And the comment about hiding garbage "critters": she's kidding right? I guess the raccoons didn't get the municipal inter-departmental memo about not raiding garbage (you just can't get good help any more).

Secondly, get the facts straight, ma'am.

Residents don't get garbage pick-up - unless they pay a private company to do so. Residents have to pay to discard large items, too; it's not some kind of cottaging surcharge.

Fire fighters here aren't "paid"; they receive an honorarium based on attendance and trust me, none of them are paying the mortgage with it!

And while we're at it, what does her distance from a firehall, and subsequent

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Speaking in tongues

As a society, we pride ourselves on having created a code of laws designed to prevent stupid people from doing stupid things. This does not work, but at least it gives us the inalienable right to say "I told you so" when those same people are lying there in hospital trying to blame someone else.

The problem is that we must always be vigilant; creative people are continually looking for new and exciting stupid things to do. And it's only after the stupidity becomes popular and dangerous that our lawmakers do their best to shut it down.

The most recent battle in this war against foolishness is taking place in West Virginia, where legislators are debating a law that would make it a crime to split your tongue in half - unless it is done by a certified physician.

We're not talking about those inescapable industrial tragedies that occur when one worker accidentally licks a band saw blade to prove to his buddy that it's not running. No, we're talking about some-

thing that is avoidable.

Tongue-splitting is gaining in popularity among those on the — pardon my expression — cutting edge. It has become trendy among the stupid simply because they like the look of it. The concern is that this sort of operation is being performed mostly in tattoo parlors by people generally lacking in medical degrees and perhaps even high school diplomas, although most say they were good with their scissors in crafts class.

Proponents say a split tongue makes them look serpentine, sexy and dangerous.

I'm thinking that taken one step further, this could get messy. Trying to look like a snake is a dangerous trend, especially when you consider that your average tattoo parlour isn't equipped to deal with the amputation of limbs that should logically follow. Or the

insertion of a tail.

Doctors say that this procedure is risky, psychologically damaging and affects speech adversely - I'm talking about the insertion of a tail now. But tongue mutilation is probably just as bad.

Look, I'm all for personal choice but it must be balanced with its impact on society. And make no mistake, split tongues will cost society. Every fringe group does.

Our emergency response teams, for instance, are already stretched to the breaking point. What's going to happen when these stupid people decide to lick two adjacent metal poles at once next January? The extra time paramedics use to extricate that person might have saved the life of

some innocent soul whose nipple rings got caught in a revolving door. I think you can see the moral dilemmas we're dealing with

here.

Before we say yay or nay, we need to answer some big questions. Will OHIP cover the cost of tongue-twister mishaps? Who will pay for the warning labels put on our spaghetti because of a few senseless choking deaths?

Sticking out half a tongue is one thing; but ask yourself how you would feel if this trend carried over to, say, feet? Would you really want to see someone sticking out half a foot in public?

Which reminds me, it's whispered that the real reason for this sort of physical alteration is the added benefits in the bedroom. But I don't think so - it'd just make French kissing confusing. And most people would be a little creeped out getting a tongue in each ear. Since it affects speech, all attempts at pillow talk will sound like they are coming from a randy Elmer Fudd. Are we weedy for this?

Even so, we need to consider this issue carefully and, above all, we need to be honest. After all, now is not the time to speak in forked tongues.



BEYOND 35

Steve Galea

Plumbing the depths

Alex Figliolia had it all. A huge (10,000 square feet) mansion in New Jersey complete with indoor and outdoor pizza ovens, not to mention a man-made pond, an indoor pool and a water fountain in the courtyard. He had a loving wife whom he drenched in diamonds and pearls - also a \$250,000 kitchen reno. He travelled in a limo with smoked windows and a license plate that read MR. FIG.

Not bad. Not bad at all. For a practicing plumber. Of course, not every practicing plumber has the New York subway system for a client, and alas, that is where Mr. Figliolia's cushy ride began to go off the tracks.

Seems he 'padded' the bills he submitted to the New York subway authorities. You know those pipe rings you can pick up down at Canadian Tire for twenty bucks? Figliolia charged the city \$250 each. He dinged his prize client \$26 a pop for what turned out to be 49-cent fixtures. He submitted labour claims of \$65 an hour. Meanwhile he paid his workers \$64 - per day.

Naturally, being a plumber, Figliolia was good at plugging leaks. Sometimes quite literally. A disgruntled employee named John Flemming threatened to blow the

whistle on Figliolia's activities. Mister Flemming's body later turned up in the trunk of a car in Brooklyn with two extra orifices in the cranial region.

In any case the party's over. Figliolia, his wife and even his son Alex Jr., have been slapped with a 116-count indictment by the Manhattan district attorney, Robert Morgenthau.

"Everywhere we looked, we saw fraud," said the DA.

How much fraud? \$10 million and counting.

It's sad to see a bad apple like Mr. Fig besmirching the reputation of a noble profession - plumbers get enough dissing already.

You know how it goes. A pipe bursts or a toilet backs up in the middle of the night and we're on the phone to the only guy we know who can fix it. He comes, he fixes, he bills. We go through the roof. Did we think he was working for free?

My favourite plumbing story: a plumber gets a call to a doctor's home to fix a leaky water heater. After working for an hour, the plumber hands the doc a bill for \$200.

"Good God, man!" screams the doctor. "I spent seven years in medical school and residency and I've been practicing medicine for over 20 years and I can't charge that kind of money!"

The plumber smiles and says, "Yeah. I couldn't either when I was in practice."

But mostly plumbers don't get to deliver the zingers. Mostly they get abuse. And few tradesmen have been more abused than Los Angeles plumber John Keating. Last year, Keating was called to fix a bathroom sink at a home in

Beverly Hills. His knock on the door was answered by a woman. A woman wearing a leopardskin-print negligee.

Keating is a pro. Eyes fixed firmly on his steel-toed boots, he asked to be directed to the problem sink. While working on the sink, Keating could not help overhearing the stentorian grunts and groans of a couple in the next room who were apparently not playing Scrabble. Keating's concentration remained firmly on his task.

But then a nearly naked man came

streaking into the bathroom, his clothes under his arm. The woman's husband had just come home, the guy gasped.

Would John Keating puh-leeze make believe that he (the naked guy) was in fact the plumber's helper? By the time the husband breaks down the door, Romeo is dressed and down on all fours inspecting the sink's U-joint. But suddenly the phony assistant snaps. He jumps up, announces that he loves the woman. The husband howls for vengeance. John Keating puts his arms over his head and wonders 'Why Me?'

At which point, a TV producer jumps out of a closet and yells "Cut!"

The whole scenario was a sham. A Candid Camera style put-on designed to show humorously the trials and tribulations of a plumber's life.

But John Keating didn't laugh, he sued. His lawyer is seeking megadamages for Keating's "emotional distress - fear, shame, chagrin, sleeplessness, powerlessness, frustration and discomfort."

I hear he's asking for \$5 million and I hope he gets it. Although if he doesn't it wouldn't exactly be a tragedy, I guess.

It's not as if he needs the money. The man's a plumber.



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

No surprises: we all pay a price to live here

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insurance rates, have to do with the municipality? Again, nothing.

Ms. Virtue knows of "several" cottagers who have been broken into.

Everyone else knows dozens. But the point is that the OPP is not under individual township jurisdiction so what does she expect the township to do - hire pay duty officers?

Never seen a RIDE program? Well, she said she never uses the roads, so how could she?

Twenty minutes for an ambulance? Welcome to rural Ontario. There's no bus stop at the end of the road either, how

come she didn't complain about that?

I don't have children but I pay school taxes. I don't drive on some roads, but I still contribute to their maintenance.

I'm confused with the comment about mail; if she wants mail delivery, she can sign up for it like hundreds of seasonal residents do each year. But then, she'd have to go to the end of the road to pick it up and, well, that probably wouldn't be acceptable either.

Water and sewers? What is she talking about? There are no water and sewers in

Algonquin Highlands.

Ms. Virtue says she's been coming here for 50+ years but based on her letter, I don't think she knows where she cottages. And it doesn't sound like she likes it very much.

Ms. Virtue says she rarely travels on "your local roads". Too bad she doesn't; she's missing some of the best holiday experiences she could find. But then, she'd probably have to pay a higher price for being a cottager.

Carol Moffatt
Boshkung

MORE LETTERS

Times readers write

Owning property means paying tax

To the Editor:

I think the whole cottagers and taxes issue needs to be dropped. They don't realize that other people pay taxes here, too. I don't pay property tax, but I do pay rent. I know that my rent goes to the property taxes for my place. I know a lot of people who do not have kids in school and their taxes go towards that but they don't complain.

If people want to own property here then they have to pay the taxes. Do these

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Financially speaking

Why your RRSP is priority number one

Submitted by Gord Schakelaar,
Financial Planning Advisor,
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If you want to enhance your financial security in retirement, taking advantage of the new higher Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) contribution limit is a good place to start. The maximum for 2003 is now \$14,500, up from \$13,500.

While financial demands decline as you pay off loans, mortgages and education

costs, the need to save for retirement never quits. Here's how your RRSP helps you do it.

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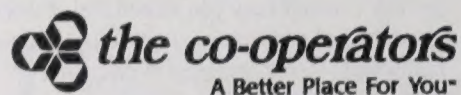
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Seasonal residents have every right to grumble: after all, it's only human

To the Editor:

Jerry Grozelle set the cat among the pigeons with his comment that seasonal residents are the prime complainers about the taxes they must pay for their privilege of having a getaway in God's country.

Of course we complain. Is there a person on earth who does not moan about the amount of tax he or she must pay no matter where? It's only human.

My family has been paying tax on our little piece of God's green earth on Halls Lake for longer than Mr. Grozelle has been alive.

We get no road plowing. Fire services might arrive, if needed, in time to stop a fire from spreading to the surrounding forest, or to our neighbour's cottage. We keep our garbage to a minimum by composting, assiduously recycling, and try to preserve lake quality by having a composting toilet. Our lakefront is kept in a natural state, and we do not own a motor boat. How much of our activity is a draw on the finances of the county or the Township of Algonquin Highland?

I hate to say this because it sets in motion the old "Us versus Them" syndrome. But I don't see many permanent residents who care for their property and the quality of the lakes with the same fervour as many of us seasonal residents.

I wish Mr. Grozelle had had the gumption to write and publish his piece in the months when many more cottagers would have added *The Times* to the top of their \$250 basket of groceries at the supermarket.

Mr. Grozelle, we seasonal residents are subsidizing you and the rest of the permanent residents in a multitude of ways, and we have every right in the world to grumble and complain about the sometimes arguable dispersal of the monies that we contribute to the workings of the county and the township. We have no intention of ever going elsewhere. If you don't like us, perhaps you should.

Joan C. Farr Speed
Halls Lake (for 69 years), and Toronto

You can't have the things you have in the city

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people not realize that they are making a mountain out of a molehill? Come on people, don't keep complaining because it is not very becoming. You can't have all of the luxuries you get in the city. And if the county gets involved in the maintenance of private roads then your taxes will increase again; stop while you are ahead.

I also have a comment on the gallery funding. It doesn't make sense to me to put \$454,000 into the gallery when it is open for only four or five months of the year. Why not add onto the library which is in use year-round; even when the gallery is open the library is busier than the gallery.

Kim Mason
Minden

Highlands life worth price of admission

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to Municipality "does nothing for us", February 13.

As a former cottager and now resident of Haliburton, I have experienced both sides of life in the Highlands, and as a resident I can happily say that life here has far exceeded my expectations.

When we "cottaged" here, it would never have occurred to us to question if we were getting our money's worth of our tax dollars. We felt that the enjoyment of our cottage life in the Highlands was always worth the price of admission.

As a resident, we too take our garbage to the dump,

pick up our mail at the post office, pay for the plowing of our community roadway as well as our private drive, and we pay our lakefront property taxes. When an ambulance was called to our home it did take 20 minutes, but the fire department arrived at our house (in the middle of winter) within five minutes.

The cost of living in a big city or a rural area is minimized by the joy your environment brings you. We should all be thankful that we have emergency services, safe roads, and the beauty of the Highlands to enjoy.

The price is negligible.

Marianne Strype
Minden

Lapine collection would be gallery's focal point

To the Editor:

The following letter was first sent to Georgina Parkes, chairperson of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery committee.

Dear Georgina Parkes:

I am writing to you in sincere and wholehearted support for your proposed gallery expansion. We as a family have long enjoyed the regular shows of the Lapine collection and would very much support gallery facilities that would allow the entire collection, or the best of it, to be on permanent display.

The Lapine collection is important for a number of reasons. From simply a painting quality perspective, they are very well crafted and show a high level of knowledge regarding composition, use of light and other painterly technical aspects. Your curator would be better able to expand on these areas of expertise.

The subject matter in many of the paintings is of course important for the people of the Highlands, as many of them depict life in our area so accurately and lovingly. These

paintings are a living, as I believe paintings to have a life of their own, testament to lifestyles gone by. There is a beautiful and touching reverence about these canvases that is precious and should be available to the public on a more regular basis.

The sheer number of paintings in the collection is to be considered as, given the above as well, the critical mass for a permanent collection is I would think easily met. There are probably enough pieces to still have somewhat of a revolving display to keep the public interest high.

As well, a permanent display of the Lapine collection would be a destination visitor attraction. With the right promotional agenda, this kind quality collection becomes a marketable signature for a community. The number of people who visit gallery spaces is remarkably high when there is this kind of top drawer calling card, as witnessed in many other communities in Ontario. Tourism consultants tell us that we must sell what we have to attract visitors, and top keep our visitors happy, involved and occupied when they are in the area.

My comments have been centred on the Lapine collection,

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Culture part of growth

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as I believe this is the most important possession of the gallery, but I know the Agnes Jamieson Gallery mounts many excellent shows supporting artists from the area and beyond. Upgraded gallery space for all the functions of the facility would help to create that destination that could be marketed to the broader world beyond Haliburton, and would be an important part of the life of the immediate community as well. Your letter in the paper touched briefly on the many programs the gallery offers that are beneficial to our own community.

Progress for tourism communities like ours requires a balanced development strategy. All aspects of the broad spectrum of attractions we have to offer are important for our well being, from recreational pursuits such as hiking, mountain biking, swimming and water sports, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and trail bike riding, to the equally essential cultural areas, among which displaying important painting collections would be a top priority.

It is often difficult for communities to decide to dedicate large capital funding to cultural projects, and of course careful consideration has to be given to all aspects of the proposal. Very often though, the returns to the community are surprisingly high and I think the improved and expanded facilities for the Agnes Jamieson Gallery would repay the initial costs many times over.

Hugh Taylor, B. Arch., OAA
Haliburton

Gallery addition important

To the Editor:

I am writing in the hopes that the people of Minden support the Agnes Jamieson Gallery's plan to build an addition. The government has granted money to the project and a lot of people have donated money.

Dr. Jamieson's legacy should carry on. She was a wonderful doctor and she painted a lot of paintings, as did Frank Welch. We should carry on their legacy for the young people in Haliburton County and to go ahead in years to come to help the younger people in this area.

I hope Minden Hills goes ahead with this addition and I'm sure people support it and want it to go ahead. Haliburton has a beautiful art building and artists come from all over to paint and go to their classes.

Helen Cox,
Minden

County grants to HHOA total \$11,000 over three years

To the Editor:

In response to the article in *The Times* about the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's request for funding from the county, I would like to clarify a few items for your readers.

The County of Haliburton has graciously provided the HHOA with the following grants: \$1,000 in 2000, \$3,000 in 2001, \$2,000 in 2002 and \$5,000 in 2003. Also in 2000, the County granted the Haliburton Lake Trout Project \$4,000. This amounts to only \$11,000 granted directly to the HHOA. To quote a single donation of \$20,000 in one year is very misleading. We do recognize however, that this may have been an editing error.

Regarding the Haliburton Hatchery Trust and the \$100,000 grant from the Ministry of Natural Resources, I would like to emphasize that this trust has been realized as a result of two years of extensive negotiations with the MNR. I would like the opportunity to explain the guidelines of this trust. Yes, the MNR has granted the Haliburton Hatchery Trust \$100,000, however, this money is to be allocated over the next four years. In essence the Haliburton Fish Hatchery is able to use a maximum of \$25,000 of the grant for hatchery operations each year. In the past, the MNR has granted the hatchery \$25,000 per year on an annual basis. This is the first time, the MNR have granted a long term commitment of funds to the HHOA (or even a group like the HHOA that we are aware of).

There are specific guidelines outlining what the money can be used for and the trustee, Haliburton County Development Corporation, has been contracted to ensure the guidelines are met. This money is only part of the funds we need to carry out all the activities we participate in i.e. education, student employment, scientific studies of the fish that we raise and stock in area lakes, deer feeding, and of course we have undertaken a new project this year to raise walleye at the hatchery that will be stocked into lakes within Haliburton County. These are only a few of the projects that we at the HHOA participate in and we would welcome any contribution to help us achieve our

goals. Any contribution given to our trust fund will be eligible for a tax receipt. Thank you for the opportunity to reply.

John Ball
HHOA president

Council's decisions not a good sign

To the Editor:

Is it too early to call this Minden Hills council a disaster? Probably, but the signs aren't good.

Drastically reducing the number of bags entering the dumps will only defer the difficult decisions that need to be made about garbage, but it will likely lead to more garbage in the bush or on our roads. This was a panic decision and it won't work. Was this Council elected to raise taxes and reduce services?

Property assessments have risen substantially, especially for waterfront properties. As a result, tax rates should be sharply reduced. Will that happen?

Minden was going to build a city hall. Not now. There was to be an addition for the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Will that ever happen?

Where will the money go? Will there be a sensible garbage strategy that mixes safe burning, recycling, composting and new landfill sites or will council simply pass the problem back to the people who elected them?

A council that cannot plan, will not consult and makes sudden, unenforceable decisions to reduce services may need a lot of help from active citizens to avoid more disastrous decisions.

Certainly, the reeve and this council appear well on the way to stirring up citizen concern and suspicion.

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'Beavers for dessert'

And other trapline tales from long-time trapper Brian Austen, recently honoured by the Minden District Fur Harvesters

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Brian Austen was honoured for his long service as president of the Minden District Fur Harvesters at the January 18 Trappers Workshop at the Minden Community Centre.

Even he is not sure how long he has served as president. "It's been 20 or 21 years," he estimated. He has been a licensed trapper for about 25 years.

Over the years as an active trapper "There have been a lot of downs and not very many ups," he said. "Nobody is going to get to be a millionaire by trapping."

He has also seen some changes in traps, with the emphasis on humane methods of catching animals. He noted that the Fur Institute of Canada is constantly testing traps to ensure that traps are humane.

"Trapping is one of the best outdoors experiences there is," Austen said.

That's not to say he hasn't had his share of unpleasant experiences. He recalls breaking through thin ice while wearing a pair of snowshoes. The temperature was around minus 22 or 23. Fortunately, he was wearing wool pants and although they froze solid, they retained his body heat long enough to allow him to get to his truck, which was not far away.

Many times he has had to sit in front of the woodstove long enough for his clothes to thaw so he could change into something dry.

Over the past 20 or so years, Austen has also seen the Trappers Workshop grow from humble beginnings with a dozen or so in attendance to 150 or more people stopping by to learn about one of Canada's oldest heritage activities, participate in contests and/or check out the furs and the fur fashion show.

Cahill Furriers of Peterborough has been a regular for many years, giving patrons of the event the opportunity to see how the raw furs are turned into luxurious clothing.

Austen also traps nuisance animals, especially beavers. He often gets calls from people who are having problems with beavers cutting trees on their property. "They certainly can cause a mess," he said.

He is sometimes asked to live trap the offending animals and relocate them. He explains that relocating beavers is



Brian Austen and his wife Charlene took a short break during the January 18 Trappers Workshop to relax in front of the Fish, Fur, Game booth at the show.

not a good practice. "Beavers are very territorial," he said. Moving them to other areas results in territorial battles that often result in the death of one of the combatants.

He said beavers are the largest members of the rodent family. "There has to be some control or they will get dis-

ease and they will all die," he said. "Trapping is really just farming wild animals."

Austen explained that habitat loss is the biggest threat to beavers, much the same as with all wildlife. "Maybe we should control ourselves," he said with a chuckle. "I side with the beavers."

Some people are adamantly opposed to trapping and although he has heard the occasional negative comment on the street, he has never had a confrontation with an animal rights supporter. "I wear fur and my wife Charlene wears fur and we've never had any problems," he said.

Austen recalls being asked to conduct a seminar about trapping. During the seminar he told the participants, "Coyotes and wolves eat deer for the main course and beavers for dessert." He said it wasn't exactly the message the organizers wanted to hear, but he was being honest with his assessment.

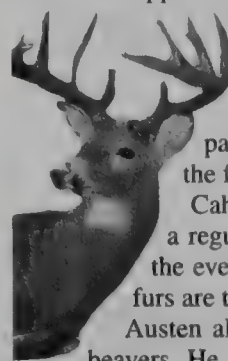
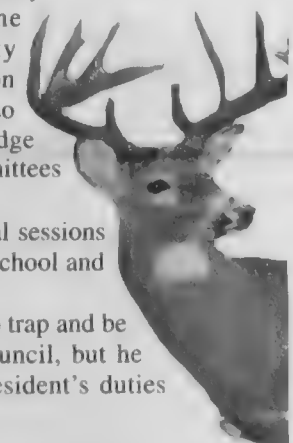
Brian said Charlene and their two daughters, Leslie and April, are very supportive. Leslie has accompanied Brian on his trap line many times. He hasn't been able to convince any of them to help with the skinning chores, though. All three have helped with the workshop.

This year, Austen retired as president of the Minden District Fur Harvesters. This was the first time he has been able to enter the fur preparation competitions at the event. He did very well against some stiff competition.

Austen has a lot of other things on the go besides trapping. He conducts hunter safety training courses and the Canadian Firearms Safety course (to obtain a Possession Acquisition Licence). He is also a member of the Masonic Lodge and is active on several committees of the United Church.

He has conducted educational sessions on trapping at both the public school and high school levels.

Brian Austen will continue to trap and be a member of the trapper's council, but he says it is time to turn the president's duties over to someone else.



Constipation affecting 90% of Canadians 2-3 bowel movements per day is ideal for good health

While it is not always the most pleasant item of conversation, constipation is a major problem among Canadians. A recent survey showed that 90% of Canadians are suffering from some degree of constipation.

"There are many reasons why constipation is such a problem" states Brenda Watson, president of the International Association of Colon Therapists (I-ACT) and a specialist on the topic of digestive care and cleansing. "The modern diet consists mainly of refined and processed foods. These foods do not breakdown and digest well in the body and as a result, it is difficult for the body to process the leftover materials through the colon. Further, we do not drink nearly enough water, causing dehydration of the bowel. This makes for stool that is hard and difficult for the colon to eliminate."

Good health starts with proper digestive care. This includes having two to three bowel movements per day. "It only makes sense that if we eat three times per day that we have three bowel movements per day. It has long been recognized by the holistic medical community that 2-3 bowel movements per day are not only one of the keys to good health, but it also ensures that the body is less susceptible to disease" says Watson. "The colon is our main pathway of elimination for toxic materials. If it is not functioning properly, this toxic load begins to enter the blood stream, causing major damage to the body's cells and organs. This is the beginning of poor health and disease."

"It is not overly difficult to correct the problem of constipation" states Watson. "One of the most effective ways to help eliminate constipation is through a 30 day cleansing program. This program consists of one main cleanse, and two support products that can be taken at the same time."

CleanseSMART, a two part cleansing product, works to help cleanse the body's tissues and organs while at the same time, stimulate

cleansing of the colon. CleanseSMART is unique in that it does not use 'purgative' type laxatives such as cascara sagrada or senna, which can cause uncontrollable bowel movements and diarrhea or can be addicting over time. CleanseSMART acts naturally by ensuring the colon is properly hydrated and by stimulating 'peristalsis', which is the colon's natural action of pushing out materials.

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Life is fun in the fast lane

A large group of enthusiastic bowlers gathered for the Ontario Special Olympics Haliburton County Red Wolves 5-pin Bowling Teams Lunch Buddy/SAC Invitational Valentines Bowling Challenge held at the Minden Bowling Lanes on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

Special Olympian **Red Wolves** on a roll



Special Olympian Jason Hallowell lets out a scream of joy as he bowls a strike.



Special Olympian Andrew Sharp finishes bowling, watching his ball roll down the alley in the first 5-pin bowling game.

Men's hockey tournament draws 11 enthusiastic teams

Ontario Early Years Children's Learning Centre (formerly CHACE) hosted its second annual Men's Hockey Tournament at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden from February 6 to 9.

A total of 11 teams entered the tournament, including the Chiefs, Dump Bears, JAFT, Hounds, Misfits, Ice Dogs, Outlaws, Phat Boyz, Richmond Hill, Rub N Tugs and Spit Monkeys.

After a great weekend of hockey, JAFT skated off with the A championship for the second year, defeating Rub N Tugs in the final.

The Hounds were crowned B Champs with a victory over the Dump Bears in the final.

The C division title went to the Phat

Boyz with a win over the Spit Monkeys.

The tournament raised more than \$500, which will go to the day care for toys and equipment.

The Day Care expressed its appreciation to the Phat Boyz, who donated their winnings back to the cause.

Special thanks also go to Craig Smith for organizing the tournament as well as all those who helped to make the weekend such a success — including Jamie Sutcliffe, Julie Lee, Shannon Walker, Stephanie Foster and the Day Care staff.

"We also want to thank all the teams for their participation," said Cheryl Smith, Day Care staff member and helper at the tournament. "We hope to see them all back next year."

Novice B's overwhelm Manvers

by WENDY SISSON
Special to The Times

The Highland Storm's Novice Bs have now moved into their second round-robin play. Their first game was at home against the newcomer to the group, Bobcaygeon. The Storm dominated play throughout the game with Tyler Barry chalking up his first hat trick game. Following closely behind was Curtis Ballantyne with two goals and Devon Upton with a single while set ups for these points went to Riley Tait and Liam Wilcox.

The third period ended with the score board showing a 6-1 victory for Storm.

The next evening the team travelled to Manvers. This has been a tough team for the local team, who have defeated Manvers only once in a very close game.

Manvers scored two quick ones early in the first period which had some Storm fans thinking it might be a long game. But Storm would have none of that. With per-

fect timing Kirk Lopez found the back of the net just before the first buzzer.

The second period boasted some excellent defensive stonewalling by Mathew Besner and Jacob Sisson who did their jobs well by staying with their opponent and not allowing good scoring opportunities. Then in the final seconds of the second period Nathan Feir gave the Storm the go-ahead goal.

In the third Mitchel Byers posted his 'thanks for having us in' sign and stood strongly against every attempt made by the scrambling home team. Along the boards Owen Flood fought for the puck against any sized Mustang and casually smiled at the crowd.

Finally, in keeping with the game's motif, Nathan Feir shoveled the puck over the goal line with :36 left in the game, assisted by Liam Wilcox, to seal the Storm victory. The team's next home game will be this Saturday at 3:00 in Haliburton.

Bowling Scores around the county

MINDEN LANES

Legion 636 Mixed League
(February 16)

High average: Bob Vankoughnet 187;
Leitha Stearns 148

High single: Tom Foster 233; Doreen Francis 187

High triple: Tom Foster 631; Doreen Francis 501

High single (handicap): Tom Foster 268; Doreen Francis 260

High triple (handicap): Tom Foster 736; Doreen Francis 720

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CARNARVON BOWLING

Thursday Afternoon League
(February 5)

High average: Ken Thompson 227;
Pearl Foster 171

High single: Bill Hogg 257; Pearl Foster 209

High single (handicap): Bill Hogg 319; Pearl Foster 265

High triple: Ken Thompson 681; Pearl Foster 514

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The Minden rink skipped by Norton Garry, with vice, Bruce Fisher, second, Murray Cooper and lead Todd Grainger, took top prize in the Ridgewood Ford spiel on Tuesday

Minden rink wins 10th annual Ridgewood Ford Bonspiel

Sixty-four curlers from as far as Port Hope, Bancroft, Orillia and Huntsville, converged on the Minden Curling Club on Tuesday February 17 for the 10th annual Ridgewood Ford Bonspiel.

This event, comprising 16 teams, generates camaraderie among the curlers who experienced some keen competition, and then between games enjoyed one of MCC's famous hot lunches.

At the end of the day, a Minden team took the overall trophy for the first time. The team, skipped by Norton Garry, with vice, Bruce Fisher, second, Murray Cooper and lead Todd Grainger overcame some stiff competition to win this prestigious curling event.

The second place team, and winner of the 8:45 a.m. draw was John Hope's team from

Bobcaygeon, with vice, John Nickels, second, Art Rattle and lead Fred Evans.

The runner-up team in the 8:45 a.m. draw was Al Corner's team from Beaverton, with vice, Ted Westlake, second, Bill DeGuerre and lead Claude Lemirie. The second place team in the 10:45 a.m. draw was Skip Jack Debois, vice, Doug Scott, second, John Bennett and lead Ron Fevang from Lindsay.

"Thanks again to Larry Moynes and Ridgewood Ford for their continued support, and a special thanks to the Minden Curling Club ladies who provided another outstanding meal, contributing to the reputation of the Ridgewood Ford Senior Men's Bonspiel as the premiere event of the Senior Men's circuit," said Don Pflug, draw master of the event.

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Throwing rocks for a good cause: bonspiel raises funds for Minden Hills Cultural Foundation

The Minden Hills Cultural Foundation held its second annual curling Bonspiel on Saturday, February 7 at the Minden Curling Club. Fred J. Simmons did a fantastic job once again of organizing a full roster of teams and activities to keep everyone busy for the day.

The 2004 trophy was won by Janet and David Krafft and Winn and Jack Taylor. The 2003 winning team included John and Marie Lennard and John and Joan Rosebush.

The money raised at this Bonspiel will be turned over to the treasurer of the Minden Hills Cultural Foundation at an upcoming meeting. This year's Bonspiel raised \$1,836, an increase of 31 per cent over last year.

The foundation sends a big thank you to all the participants and sponsors.

The Minden Hills Cultural foundation members are: Chair Gordon Monk, treasurer Ray Nobles, secretary Sylvia Rose and Michael Fay; Tom Vos, Fred Simmons, Wayne Rose and Eleanor Malcomson. The group's by-laws have been passed and its charitable donation number is pending.

The aim of the Minden Hills Cultural Foundation is to raise funds to assist the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills, through the cultural groups operat-

ing under its auspices, to:

Continue to develop the site of the Cultural Centre, located in the Village of Minden, with the improvement and addition of buildings artifacts, displays, etc.;

Encourage partnerships between community, social and cultural groups to develop programs for the Centre;

Develop cultural events for seasonal and permanent residents of all ages, interests and abilities, as well as facilitating access of events for those who are physically or developmentally challenged;

Support the professional development of artists, artisans, writers, photographers, musicians and encourage them to practice, display and market their art in the Cultural Centre;

Encourage the use of municipal and service club parks and facilities as sites for additional cultural activities and continue to develop and use the shoreline of the Gull River for cultural activities;

Continue to develop public art initiatives, including murals, on property under the jurisdiction of the municipality, and, where possible, on other property within the municipality;

Encourage formation of a Cultural Alliance of appropriate community, social and cultural groups.



Janet and David Krafft and Winn and Jack Taylor were the winners of this year's Minden Hills Cultural Foundation bonspiel held recently

The Bowling scores

from page 15

High triple (handicap): Bill Hogg 752; Pearl Foster 682

Thursday Afternoon League (February 12)

High average: Merv Bunker 232; Betty Henderson 168

High single: Ken Thompson 277; Laura Carnegie 239

High single (handicap): Merv Bunker 289; Laura Carnegie 308

High triple: Merv Bunker 697; Betty Henderson 540

High triple (handicap): Merv Bunker 811; Anne Manning 714

Congratulations go to the Hummers. This year's winner of the Black Tower Tournament Award for most points over average (658): Doug Burtch, Sharon Barnhart, Betty Lockhart, Anne McCreight and Alf Briscoe.

Tuesday Afternoon League (Feb 17)
High average: Ken Thompson 217; Jean Pugh 179

High single: Ken Thompson 232; Lillian Mattsson 206

High single (handicap): Leroy Mowat 271; Lillian Mattsson 516

High triple: Ken Thompson 698; Jean Pugh 571

High triple (handicap): Leroy Mowat 724; Mabel Glennening 654

Wednesday Afternoon League (February 18)

High average: Ken Thompson 208; Jean Pugh 172

High single: Ken Thompson 265; Solveb Stout 230

High single (handicap): John Whitty 258; Shirley Milne 300

High triple: Ken Thompson 695; Shirley Milne 613

High triple (handicap): John Pugh 720; Shirley Milne 829

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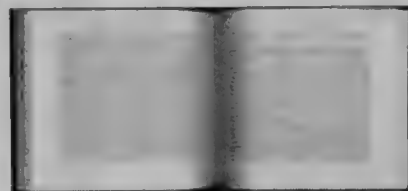
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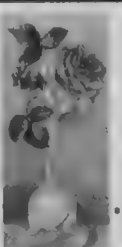
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Minden Hills council briefs...

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

The following are brief notes from Thursday's Minden Hills Committee of the Whole.

Road speed changes

Road superintendent Kevin Hill has asked council to considering changing the speed limits on the Bobcaygeon Road and Scotch Line Road to 50 km/hr in order to discourage drivers from speeding. The proposed change was met with support from most councillors.

The current limit on some parts of the roads is 80 km/hr. But most drivers go a lot

faster than that, Hill said.

Councillor Cheryl Murdoch pointed out that in the afternoon, Bobcaygeon Road is always full of children walking home from school.

"Any accident would inevitably involve children," she said.

Councillor Peter Oyler said that people will learn to slow down when they are hit in their pocketbooks and have points deducted for speeding.

The recommendation to reduce the speed limit will be brought before council on Feb. 26.

Oil Spill

The Ontario clean water agency did an

excellent job containing the Archie Stouffer oil spill on site, environment manager Bob Romberg told the Committee.

"There was no effect, really, on the Gull River," he said.

The agency acted quickly, canvassing door-to-door to advise people living on the river of any potential dangers, he added.

Romberg said an inquiry into prevention of future problems is currently in progress.

Burning fees

Residents of Minden Hills may soon have to pay \$50 for a burning permit that until now has been free.

Council will consider a request from Doug Schell, Minden Hills fire chief, to add a fee to the service.

Burning permits only apply to fires out-

side of what is allowed by law. For example, an evening bonfire does not need a permit, but a daytime fire might.

"This is more for commercial use," Councillor Clayton Cameron said.

All other townships in Haliburton County charge the fee already.

Schell said that last year Minden Hills issued 55 of these permits.

The by-law allows council to add a fee to this service, as long as the fee only covers costs.

"We are not allowed to make money from these services," Deputy Clerk Twyla Nicholson said.

The \$50 fee would cover the cost of issuing the permit, as well as handling any problems arising from having to enforce the permit.



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County heads into 2004 with a \$2 million surplus

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Wednesday's county council meeting.

Thanks primarily to some unexpected savings, the county is heading into a new budget year with a \$2-million surplus.

"It's a good news story," said Treasurer Laura Janke. "The surplus puts us in a good position going into the new year."

The biggest chunk of savings is in the social services department. There were \$330,000 in savings for social housing in 2002 and \$377,000 in 2003, as well as \$229,000 in social assistance savings.

The county's roads department spent \$240,000 less than expected and there were \$237,000 in savings in the EMS budget (counteracted by a \$211,000 loss in cross border revenue. See separate story.)

The biggest revenue increase, \$866,000, came from the province and there was also an increase of \$37,000 in land division fees.

Staff changes

Sad farewells were said to Lois Warburton, who's retiring as the county's land division secretary, and CAO Gary King, who will become CAO of Peterborough County starting next week.

Warburton has dedicated her entire adult working life to the county, Warden Bill Davis said, and her 30 years of hard work and dedication have been much appreciat-

ed. Davis told King that he's done yeoman's duty in the three years he's been with the county and that the county was the better for it.

Warburton was presented with a plaque and King was presented of a photo of him with county council.

Jane Tousaw has been hired as Warburton's replacement; her duties will also include planning issues as they relate to the county's new official plan. Treasurer Laura Janke has been appointed as acting CAO until King's replacement has been found. King has promised to help with the hiring process.

Roads

Operations manager Doug Ray is recommending that the county put aside money for future bridge work.

New provincial regulations require a yearly assessment on bridges and this year the focus will be on the county's concrete bridges. Ray predicts there will be some maintenance work required, using the analogy of shingles on a roof: if you don't fix the shingles you'll soon have structural problems.

King also noted that the regulations have also increased minimum maintenance standards and costs are increasing across the province.

In other roads business, the county agreed to spend \$170,000 on a new truck/snow plow. The hourly rate for private truckers was fixed at \$46 for tandem trucks and \$56 for tri-axle trucks.



Thanks and goodbye

Warden Bill Davis presented outgoing CAO Gary King a picture of county council. King is leaving the county to become the new CAO of Peterborough County.

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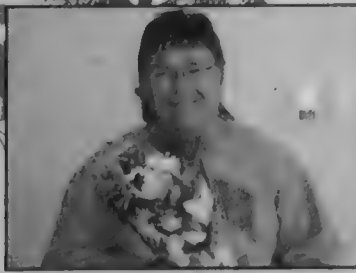


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Well, it's finally here - the 14th Annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival. Festivities begin today, Friday, February 20 at 6 p.m., with a Family Skating Party and the Adult Broomball Tournament (call Hugh Reynolds 766-1332 to register your team - advance registration is required).

Saturday starts out with the DVFD Pancake Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. when everyone heads outside to see the parade (parade participants please meet at Dorset Garage by 10:45 a.m.). The day is jam-packed with activities for the whole family - too many to mention here. Visit www.dorsetsnowball.com for a complete list of events or



Stu Saunders, an educational director with the Muskoka Wildlife Centre, feeds Pokey the porcupine while a large gathering of adults and children listen, transfixed. Pokey was a big hit at last year's Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival -- this year's, the 14th annual, gets underway this weekend. See story for details.

stop in at the Rec Centre to pick up a brochure. Volunteer opportunities are still available - adults looking for something fun to do or students looking for community hours give us a call at 766-9968. Something new this year - Stone carving Workshop with Elise downstairs in Rec Centre 12 - 4 p.m. Try your hand at stone carving. An assortment of files, polishing papers and stone (alabaster and soapstone) will be available to try. Stoneman tool kits for adults and kids will be available and Elise will also be displaying her sculptures.

Elise Muller and Esther Topper, both from Dorset, are showing pieces of their work (Elise is a stone carver and Esther a painter) at the Chapel Gallery in Bracebridge at a show called "Family" which runs to February 21. For more information or gallery hours you can call the gallery

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Community Outreach Services will be at the Dorset Recreation Centre Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to provide free assistance with tapping into regional services, improving your job search, resume and cover letter design, increasing your interview skills, learning how to tap the hidden job market and exploring your career and training options. For more information, please call the Huntsville Employment Resource Centre at 787-0349.

Carol Burns, Sprucedale News Columnist wanted to let us Dorsetites know that on February 22nd from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Burks Falls Arena there will be a Home Decor and Bridal Showcase. This event will showcase many local businesses and there is still vendor space available. Admission to this event is a donation to the Children's Wish Foundation. Anyone wishing further info please contact Cheryl at 685-1365.

The next Dorset Family Movie Night is Friday, February 27 and showing will be "Freaky Friday". The show starts at 7 p.m. and all are welcome to this free event. Free admission, free popcorn, lots of prizes and treats available for sale. Donations are gratefully accepted to support this family program. For more information, you can call 766-9968.

Would the person who borrowed the boxing gloves from the Dorset Recreation Centre (red leather) please return them. The Rec Centre has a new heavy bag set up and members are anxious to try it out. Thank you!

Birthday wishes for February 15 to 21 go out to Sarina McKey, Lisa and Lindsey Dunn and Chris Clarke. Have a great day!

To submit something for the Dorset news send e-mail to melalfano@hotmail.com, or call at 766-0076 by Sunday evening for the next week's paper.



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AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 9th, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Council intends to pass a by-law to stop up and close those parts of the unopened road allowance known as Fenelon Street, as laid out on Registered Plan 105, in the City of Kawartha Lakes, described as Parts 1 through 5 and Parts 11 and 12 on Reference Plan 57R-8889, and to authorize the sale of those lands declared surplus to the adjacent landowners.

The reference plan showing those parts of the unopened road allowance to be stopped up and closed and otherwise referred to in this Notice is on file and may be examined at the Solicitor's Office of the City of Kawartha Lakes at City Hall, 26 Francis Street, Lindsay, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the said meeting the Council shall hear in person or by their Counsel, Solicitor or Agent any person who claims that his or her land would be prejudicially affected by the road closing and who applies to be heard.

Persons interested in making representations on this matter are requested to notify the Clerk in writing at the address noted below by noon on Thursday, the 4th day of March, 2004.

DATED at Lindsay, this 11th day of February, 2004.

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ATTENTION: TRUCK & EQUIPMENT OWNERS

are you interested in working for the TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS for the year 2004

Registration forms are available at the Township Office
Box 359, 7 Milne Street,
Minden, Ontario
K0M 2K0

All forms are to be returned to the Township of Minden Hills, in a sealed envelope, to the attention of Kevin Hill, Road Superintendent, clearly marked "Truck & Equipment Registration Forms", no later than Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at 12:00 noon.

LOWEST OR ANY TENDER NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPTED

Tenders to be opened at 12:15 pm on Tuesday, March 9, 2004.
Kevin Hill, CRS-S
Road Superintendent
(705) 286-1260

If you like dog hair, King is just plain perfect

As part of our fitness effort King and I now walk daily down the long farm lane to the mailbox and back. Yellow Labs are perfect in every sense but one. They shed big-time. In a grey flannel pea jacket, too-large black hat pulled down over the forehead and scarf around the chin to meet it, I can hardly be considered a fashion statement. At least the outfit is co-

ordinated if only by a layer of yellow Lab hair.

A calendar of community events in Kinmount & Area for the rest of 2004 is being prepared. If you would like to have your organization's event listed please con-



AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

488-2938 Fax: 488-1246

email:brucefleury@ptbo.igs.net

fundraising Dinner Auction sponsored by the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development to be held earlier

tact Diane Austin at 488-2635 by March 10th.

One such event is the very popular

this year on Saturday, April 3rd at the Galway Hall. Don Corneil will be the Auctioneer and Clayton Cameron will also conduct his famous loonie auction. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. to start the bidding on the Silent Auction items with dinner at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person and tickets can be ordered through Diane Austin at 488-2635 or Joyce Brown 488-2687. Do

see ENGINEER page 23



Victorian Order of Nurses
Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton Branch

is seeking Volunteer Advisory Board Members from the tri-county area

VON is a leading, non-profit, charitable, community health care organization dedicated to providing innovative, quality care to all regardless of their circumstances.

As an Advisory Board volunteer you will play a vital role in advancing and enhancing the charitable arm of VON. You will be recognized for the value and benefit that you bring to the organization and to your community in terms of your ability to:

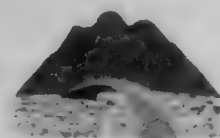
- Mobilize community resources
- Increase the visibility and reach of VON in the community
- Expand the depth and breadth of services
- Increase the potential for partnerships, and
- Initiate new ideas and approaches to addressing unmet needs

In addition to serving on the Board, individuals selected shall participate on a selected committee. All meetings are held in Peterborough.

If you are an enthusiastic individual residing in Peterborough, Victoria or Haliburton County and wish to contribute your time and talent on the Advisory Board, please submit a resume by Monday, March 1st to:

Marion Schwiebert, President
Victorian Order of Nurses
Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton Branch
1500 Lansdowne Street West, Lower Level
Peterborough, Ontario K9J 2A2
Phone: 1-800-743-6255 or Fax: (705) 745-3041

notices



THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

IN SEASON. EVERY SEASON

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, February 26, 2004 at the hour of 3:00 p.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

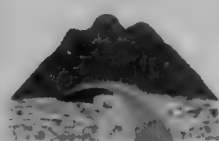
1. File No. 01-67
Applicant - **MALONEY: Kevin**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 1, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7637, registered September 11, 2003.
2. File No. 02-40
Applicant - **MILES: Carol**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 1, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 6 on a Plan of Survey 19R-4658, registered January 29, 1990.
3. File No. 02-41
Applicant - **EZER: Haron**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 28, Concession 10, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 5, 6 and 7 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7677, registered November 20, 2003.
4. File No. 03-01
Applicant - **ARCHIBALD: Sharon**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 6, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 and 3 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7407, registered September 16, 2002.
5. File No. 03-10
Applicant - **MOFFATT: Gary**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers lake, lying in front of Lot 27, Concession 9, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7690, registered December 19, 2003.
6. File No. 03-12
Applicant - **DEVRIES, VETTMAN and DEKKEMA**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 14, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7680, registered November 25, 2003.
7. File No. 03-14
Applicant - **LATIMER and PUNTANEN**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 2, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7708, registered January 26, 2004.
8. File No. 03-16
Applicant - **STORR: Jamie and Niki**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front of Lot 4, Concession 13, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 7 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7710, registered January 27, 2004.
9. File No. 03-17
Applicant - **BLEAKLEY: Ralph and Laura**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South lake, lying in front of Lot 4, Concession 13, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 6 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7710, registered January 27, 2004.
10. File No. 03-20
Applicant - **ARNILL: Timothy and Henrietta**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 23, Concession 7, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 14 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7255, registered February 26, 2002.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the former Lutterworth Municipal Office, Hwy. #35 South of Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 13th day of February, 2004.

(Ms) Elinor Burke, CMO, CMM
Planning Administrator



THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

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NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE

FOR THE FIRST DRAFT OF COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW
FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will hold an OPEN HOUSE on:

Saturday, March 20, 2004
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the
Minden Community Centre
55 Parkside Street, Minden, Ontario

The purpose of the OPEN HOUSE is to permit the public to review the first draft of Comprehensive Zoning By-law that will apply to the entire Municipality.

The proposed Comprehensive Zoning By-law will affect all lands within the Township and therefore no map is provided as part of this notice.

The purpose of the Comprehensive Zoning By-law is to regulate the use of land and for implementing the objectives of the Official Plan.

A copy of the proposed Comprehensive By-law will be available for inspection no later than March 8, 2004 at the Building and Planning Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:00 pm) or on our website at www.minden.on.ca.

Any person or agency may attend at the OPEN HOUSE to review the draft document. As this is not a public meeting pursuant to the Planning Act, written representation prior to the meeting, either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed Comprehensive Zoning By-law is not required but would be appreciated.

Once Council has held a formal public meeting and received all of the information that it feels is required, it may defer, reject or approve the Comprehensive By-law with amendments.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 20th day of February 2004.

(Ms) Elinor Burke, CMO, CMM, Planning Administrator
Township of Minden Hills
P.O. Box 359
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
Telephone (705) 286-1541

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Above the Crowd!



Troy Austen*



Linda Baumgartner*

HALIBURTON County Road 1

Large family home minutes from Haliburton featuring 3 bdrms up, 1 in basement, oak kitchen, sunken living room, dining room with maple floor & large windows, family room with fireplace, hardwood floor, sliding doors to deck, Central 4 pce bath, master bedroom w/ 3 pce, ensuite & dbl closets, main floor laundry, central Vac, HRV System, dr well 2 1/8 acres



\$179,000

Call Linda & Troy



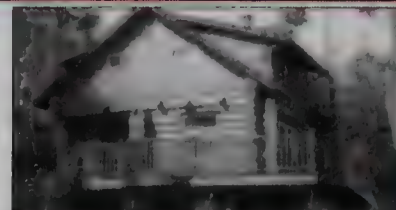
Lenor Fulton & Tracy Ackers*

MAPLE LAKE

Custom Log Home. Beautiful 3 bdrm. 4 Season home. Huge wrap around deck overlooks beautifully landscaped lawn. A must see.

\$264,900

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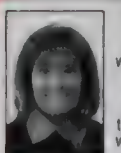
Rosalind Bagg*

**LET IT SNOW!
LET IT SNOW!
THINK SKI, THINK INVEST,
THINK SMART!**

Contact Rosalind to learn how to be part of the movement!

CHOICE LOT/CHOICE LOCATION

Beautiful building lot, walking distance to Sir Sam's Ski Area and Basshaunt Lake municipal access, winter or summer, great location to build! Come and see. Call Rosalind Bagg

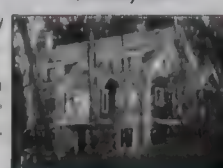


Julie Gray*

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LK

Award winning timber frame home just loaded with top of the line quality finishing & features including timber frame guest house and 3 bay timber frame garage with workshop. (Both w/hydro, water & heat). Beautiful wooded setting, good privacy & s. exposure. Call Julie Gray

\$659,000



KENNISIS LAKE

Big lake view from this very private 3 bdrm. (2 w/ensuite) cottage/home w/est-in kit., sep DR, LR, w/FP & w/o to deck. Lge. main fir lam. rm. & laundry, bath, ceilings, part lin. bsm. w/wet bar. Priv. lot., level at cottage w/sand beach, granite & wood steps, double carport. Call Julie Gray

\$349,000



Ken Barry**

NEW LISTING VACANT WATERFRONT

Great river lot located in West Guilford surrounded by new homes. This lot is level with a gentle slope to Gull River. Boating access into 3 lakes. Close to skiing, golfing and shopping. Southwest exposure. \$54,900 Call Ken Barry

ACREAGE

Excellent 40 acre parcel with a good view of Gull River and Green Lake & direct access to Gull River across Hwy 118. Good hunting property with a seasonal creek. 2 legal driveways off Hwy 118. Super location not far from Haliburton & close to skiing & golfing. \$59,000 Call Ken Barry



Bill Kulas*

HWY. 35 - MINDEN Location! Location! Location!

Over 10 acres. 4 sep properties. Commercial, Industrial Zoning. Two shops and office. Total 7300 sq.ft. Call Bill Kulas today on this Prime Commercial development property

\$565,000



MAIN STREET - MINDEN

Prime Main Street Location! Over 3400 sq.ft. of retail space on the main floor with two spacious rental units above. Plenty of customer parking, great commercial zoning. Ideal for many permitted uses such as retail stores, professional offices, restaurant or diners

Asking \$289,000

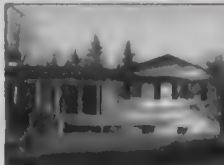


Linda Beachli***

GREAT FAMILY HOME!

Wonderful 4 bdrm bungalow with sunporch, 3 washrooms, 2 FPs, & full bsmt with fin. rec rm & wet bar, 20x27 heated workshop & 16x22 att. gar. Call Linda Beachli

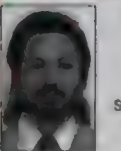
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LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Great waterfront brick bungalow located just outside of the town of Haliburton. 3 bdrms, 1-1/2 baths, full bsmt & gorgeous view. Call Linda Beachli

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Rick Lowes*

MAPLE LAKE STORE

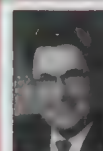
Was recently a thriving general store. Owners have retired, there are large living quarters, and many possibilities. Call Rick Lowes

\$119,900



WATERFRONT ACREAGE

Your own small lake, 1500 ft. owned shoreline west exposure, 36 lightly treed acres with highway access. Close to Minden. \$99,900 Call Rick Lowes



Peter Brady**

BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME/COTTAGE HERE

Only 2 lots remaining to build your dream home on 5+ acres, on yr rmd rd, across rd from beautiful Eagle Lake & both with breathtaking views. Call Peter Brady

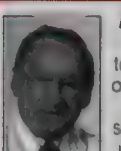
\$39,900



WAITING FOR FIRST FAMILY!

Brand new chalet built on Tedious Lake with 160 ft. of waterfront & 2.1 acres of land. 3 BR's, 2 baths and full walkout bsmt. Call Peter Brady

\$319,000

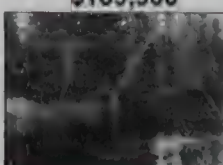


Erwin Rothmeier*

A GREAT GET-AWAY

45 acres of privacy together with 5300 ft of riverfront make this property the perfect spot to get away from it all. There is also a small cabin waiting for you. Call Erwin

\$139,900



HUNTING PROPERTY!

Well treed 96 acre parcel w/stream & small lake in the back, small cabin & new outhouse, property backs onto thousands of Acres of Crown Land, fronting on year rmd. road, hydro & phone available. \$65,000 Call Erwin Rothmeier



Geoff Bunn & Miranda Newman

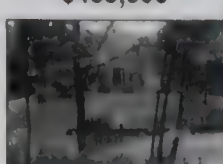
VACANT IN-TOWN LOT

Level in town building lot located in a quiet and private neighbourhood. Within walking distance to hospital, school, arena & downtown shopping. Township maintained road. \$14,900. Call Geoff & Miranda

HWY. 35, MINDEN

Excellent commercial location on 23 acres and 1500 ft. of road frontage. Entrance off Hwy 35 & South Lake Rd. 3 BR open concept home & loads of privacy. Many possibilities! Call Geoff & Miranda

\$485,000

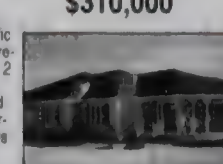


Tom & Gail Tempest*

HALIBURTON BY THE LAKE

Custom quality built Royal Home in a terrific neighbourhood for retirement or a family. Only 2 yrs old w/many upgrades, completed landscaping and oversized deck. Shows well. Call for appt. Call Tom & Gail

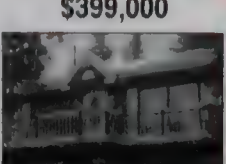
\$310,000



MOUNTAIN VIEW DR.

Custom built yr rmd home or cottage. Pine kit., 2 FPs, hot tub rm. & three lge bdrms. Lge. deck for entertaining across front for great views. New docks. Child friendly, hard sand bottom for great swimming. Call Tom & Gail

\$399,000

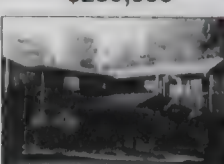


Fred Chapple*

Beautiful Davis Lake

Terrific family compound, year round 3 bdrm cottage/home with 2 guest cottages. Point lot with 460 ft of waterfront on 4 acres. Privacy plus! Just south of Minden. Call Fred Chapple

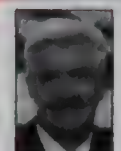
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EXECUTIVE IN-TOWN

Custom built home on quiet street, level landscaped lot. Spacious eat-in kitchen with separate DR. Has back FP, hardwood flooring, 4 pc bath with jacuzzi, 3 pc ensuite & 2 pc in bsmt. Extensive decking. Also included is adjoining building lot. Call Fred Chapple

\$234,500



Ted Vasey*

MINDEN - ORDE STREET

Absolutely charming home across road from river. Newly finished oak kitchen with w/o to deck, w/o living room, 3+2 bedrooms, MBR ensuite, freshly finished family room with oak bar & propane FP, FAO heating, 1.54 acres. Asking \$185,000. Call Ted Vasey

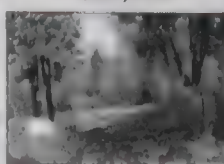


Vince Duchene**

Outstanding Building Acreage

For home/cottage. Stream runs thru small trails/roads clean manicured bldg sites. Small field & more. Nicest I've seen in 17 years. Call Vince Duchene

\$59,900



Deeded Access Kushog Lake

Home/cottage partly complete on 20 acres. The bldg. is new, 768 sq.ft. of living space, septic in, insulated, boating, swimming. Cottage atmosphere. Call Vince Duchene

\$87,900

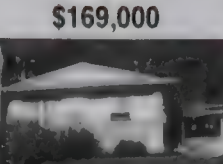


Melanie Vigrass*

FANTASTIC

Family home features: 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace w/insert, hardwood floors, ceramic tiles, family room, rec room, hot tub room, pool and loads more. Call Melanie

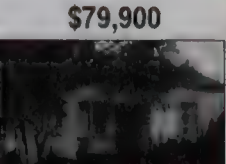
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MINDEN

Enchanting two bedroom home in town. Walking distance to all amenities. Recent upgrades include: hydro, oil furnace and oil tank. Call Melanie to view

\$79,900



Proud Sponsors of "The Birthday Club" airing every week day morning at 7:45 on Haliburton County's Community Radio Station 100.9 Canoe FM. Have your "Birthday" announced on the radio by calling 457-9603 or fax 457-9522.

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Engineer Bob is looking for model railway volunteers

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call early to avoid disappointment.

"All Aboard" and consider volunteering at the impressive Kinmount Model Railway exhibit located in the historic Railway Station. Engineer Bob Mitchell is looking for "conductors" on Saturdays or Sundays from the Victoria Day weekend through to Thanksgiving to interact with the many visitors eager to learn more about the history of our area and the important role the railroad played in its development. Full orientation and training will be gladly provided. The need for assistance is critical if the exhibit is to remain open, other than on a very limited basis, so if you can assist please give Bob a whistle at 488-2057.

Remember tickets are now available for the "Almost Spring!" Dance and Social on Saturday, March 6th from 8 p.m. until midnight at the Kinmount Community Centre at a cost of \$10.00. Pick up your tickets at Austin Lumber, Slice of the North Pizza or call Max Radiff at 488-2801 and support this event to raise funds for much needed new kitchen appliances.

"Breathe in Springtime" and take the Minden Horticultural Society's bus trip to Toronto for the "Canada Blooms Flower Show" on Wednesday, March 3rd. For full details on cost, times and travel arrangements and/or to reserve your ticket please call Pat Dearborn at 286-5127 as soon as possible. Please note: if you [or your guest] would like to attend and are not yet a member of this very active Society, a \$5.00 membership can be purchased to qualify.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

Wednesday, February 11 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshots landed on Stan Hill, Bill Milford, Marcel Roussel, Betty D'Ambrosio, Jean Scadden and Don Burch. Pearl Cowen led the pinks with 322 followed by Pat Roussel 296 and June Branning 290. Top score for the white cards went to Marcel Roussel with 350 then Stan Hill 294 and Kevin Maloney 267.

Wednesday, February 11 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: In North/South first place went to Stella

McMillan and Ross Davies at 60% then Vic Mathews and John Aikman at 52%. For East/West it was Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf in top spot with 58% and Joan Galley partnered with Mike Collins second at 55%.

Wednesday, February 11 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: For the ladies Mary Wilkins had the high score and Theresa Deak the low while Adam Freeman took top billing for the gents and Ted Wilkins recorded the low. Winning for most lone hands was Theresa Deak with the draw going to Frank Franzen.

Thursday, February 12 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: For most lone hands it was Lois Adamson and Kevin Maloney with high score ladies/men going to Marie Dennie and Jim Bradbury. The afternoon's low scores were tallied by Helen Skelding and Don Burch while the other prizes were won by Iris Taylor, Jim Bradbury, Norm Lee and Bob Pollard who took two.

Friday, February 13 bid euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Making up the moonshot quintet were Helen Windsor, Marjorie Cowen, Jean Dutka and Sharon and Rob Evans. Barb Robitaille was first for the pinks at 319 with our reporter Mary Pearson 301 second and Verna Sawyer 254 third. High score for the white cards went to John Grimbergen at 287 with Alvin Cowen 261 second and Dick Coffey 254 third. Chris Clarke uncovered the evening's hidden score.

Friday, February 13 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: High score honours went to Ruth Kellett with Elaine Yeo holding the most lone hands. The evening's low score was recorded by Helen Skelding while Ruth Kellett and Elaine Yeo won the draws. An invitation is extended by June Branning our reporter on behalf of the group to neighbours and friends of all ages to come out and join in the activity. Cards start at 7:00 p.m. and the cost for the evening is \$2.00 which includes a light lunch and a warm welcome.

Friday, February 13 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing the

Howell system it was Reet Murray and Bill Sandford first at 61% with a tie for second at 58% between the team of Ev Morgan and Grace Boice and Vic Mathews partnered with Joan Galley.

Monday, February 16 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Edith Burch was first followed by Helen Luffman second and Syd Adamson third. Other prizes were won by Marg Albers, Helen Luffman, Lois Adamson and Carrie Penney.

Monday, February 16 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Topping the scoring charts was June Branning with Gala Stamp winning for most lone hands and Martha Harding for low hands. It was Norm Lee who took home the special prize.

Monday, February 16 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: For most lone hands it was Verna McDonald for the ladies and Lorne Dinesen for the gents. High score holders were Kay Orr for the ladies and Gala Stamp representing the men while Marion Stickwood and Tim Sharpe recorded the afternoon's lows. Draw winners were Gala Stamp and Fern Donnelly. Thanks to Katie Parker for her update.

Monday, February 16 euchre/bid euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: A Special Dinner and evening of cards was held to thank everyone for coming out and supporting the

events which take place at the Community Hall. Euchre winners were Harry Randell for most lone hands along with Pearl Kernohan for ladies high score and Helen Windsor for ladies low. Alf Helleman had the men's high score while Garth Windsor took both the men's low honours and the baloney. For the bid euchre players Pearl Cowen had a single moonshot and Dick Coffey two. Leading the pinks was Sharon Evans 270 with Barb Robitaille and Marj Coffey tied for second spot at 253 and Olive Jones 250 third. Topping the charts for the white cards was Dick Coffey 288 with Alvin Cowen next at 239 and Cliff Davison 235 third while Chris Clarke held the hidden score.

Monday, February 16 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: The high score went to Emily Harvie with Thelma Francis taking second high. Mildred St. Thomas reports that Eileen Shepstone had the only moonshot and Berkie Parker won the draw.

Tuesday, February 17 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were three Slams going first to Muriel McIntosh and Margo Davidson then to Betty Dicker and partners Ray Moore and Ev Morgan. Ray Moore led the scoring at 6520 followed by Margo Davidson 5720, Ross Fletcher 5540 and Betty Dicker 5210. The lucky draw winner was Pearl Foster.

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Spacious and well maintained 3 bdrm cottage/home on a prestigious 3 lake chain. Fully winterized, featuring lovely antique cook stove in kitchen, stone fireplace with insert and lovely sunroom, nice decking and docking with southwest exposure. Call Cathy Bain



GULL LAKE \$379,900
Custom built 4 bedroom home with 1440 sq. ft. of luxury living on prestigious Gull Lake! Easy access off township road to a gentle sloping treed lot with clear and shoreline & expansive view. Home features cathedral ceilings, floor to ceiling brick fireplace with insert custom oak kitchen, screen porch with built in hot tub, extensive decking and docking, plus loads more. Price includes separately deeded adjacent 2 acre parcel with cabin & carport. Call Cathy Bain



HUNTER CREEK
Spacious 2 bedroom with sunroom and garage. Corner lot. Only \$79,900
Call David Lee



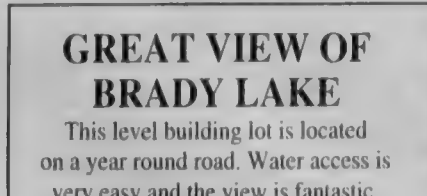
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Summer Festival announces casting call for two productions

An audition call for six women and two men has gone out from the Highlands Summer Festival.

"We are looking for cast members for two more of our summer productions," co-producer Betty Mills stated. "The play, 'Thriller of the Year', has an all woman cast of five while the comedy, 'The Perfect Rhyme', requires two men and a woman."

The age range for the actors in the two productions is between 20 and 55 plus. The two -plays will be directed by David C. Phillips, who has worked with the Festival over the past two years.

The Festival encourages anyone interested in taking a turn on the stage to attend the audition. "We have a policy of welcoming new actors as well as those who have experience," Mills added.

The auditions are scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Sunday, March 7 at the Northern

Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in the High School in Haliburton.

"We require those attending to register in advance," co-producer Jack Brezina said. "Audition packages, containing all the contact information, are available at the Clarica Insurance office, Highland Street in Haliburton and The Times office, 136 Main Street in Minden." The package can also be downloaded from the festival's website: www.highlandsummerfestival.on.ca. Details about scheduling and the commitment required to participate in the Festival are included in the package.

The Highlands Summer Festival produces six weeks of live theatre each summer in Haliburton. The casting has already taken place for two of the other summer offerings, "The Sound of Music", and the classical music concert, this season called "Encore". The festival begins June 28.

Baby literacy kits available

Newborn Literacy Kits sponsored by the Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services are now available to families in the riding. Recognizing that it is never too early to start reading to a child, the Newborn Literacy Kit is part of the Ontario Early Years Plan to help Ontario's children get a strong start so they're ready to learn once they begin school.

The kit includes a book by award-winning author, Barbara Reid, a video, a CD, a passport to store records like immunization cards and information on early childhood development and Ontario Early Years Centres. The Newborn Literacy Kit is designed to encourage parents and caregivers to read to their children right from birth.

Judith Tripp, Executive Director of the Ontario Early Years Centre says, "We know that babies, toddlers and preschoolers are at the critical age for brain development. It is important from the baby's birth and even earlier to stimulate and nurture this development. Parents and caregivers have a lasting impact on their children's literacy and language skills when talk to them, read aloud, sing songs and rhymes and share sensory experiences from the very earliest age."

The Newborn Literacy Kit is designed to give parents information about why children should be exposed to reading in their early years and ways for parents and caregivers to support early literacy and language development.

Newborn Literacy Kits are sponsored by the Ontario Government and are distributed through a partnership between the HKPR Health Unit and Ontario Early Years Centre.

How to get your Newborn Literacy Kit:

1. New baby born between January 1, and October 18th, 2003, drop into the Ontario Early Years Centre in your community with your baby and ask for a kit.

2. New baby after October 18th, a kit will be delivered to you during your home visit from the health nurse. If you do not have a home visit, the HKPR Health Unit will send you a voucher, which you can redeem at your local Ontario Early Years Centre.

Centre locations:

Ontario Early Years Centre Haliburton - Halco Plaza, Haliburton, (705) 457-2989

Ontario Early Years Centre Minden - Main Street, Minden, (705) 286-1770

Also at the Rural Outreach locations in Haliburton County, (705) 457-2989



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- Meeting Date: Saturday, March 6, 2004
- Location: St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, 260 Angeline St. S. Lindsay
- Registration: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., inclusive
- Opening Ceremonies: 1:00 p.m.
- Registration closes at 12:00 p.m.; no exception. members not registered by 12:00 noon, will not be provided with a ballot, and will not be allowed to vote.
- Photo Identification may be required for Registration
- Membership Cutoff Date: To be eligible to vote, you must be a member in good standing as of Saturday, February 14, 2004.
- The Candidate Nomination Committee is accepting applications for Nomination Contestants. Interested candidates may obtain Nomination Rules and application forms from the website www.conservative.ca. Completed Nomination for should be submitted to Walker's Heating and Cooling, 109 Industrial Park Rd, Haliburton, Ontario
- Last Date for Candidate Declaration: Saturday February 21, 2004, 5:00 p.m.
- For further information contact Dale Walker - 705-457-3134

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- **The Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre** invites you to come & enjoy **Creative Women's Circle**, a Centre Program that takes place Thursday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Call 705-748-5901 for more information.
- **Ontario Breast Screening Program** for women 50 years and over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays and Fridays at ROSS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. No doctor referral needed. Call 705-328-6175.
- **Intermediate Folk Art/Decorative Painting Class** with teacher Linda Smith, Mondays from 10am to 12pm. Registration is required. Call the Dorset Rec Centre (705) 766-9968.
- **The Quilters Etc Club** is meeting at the Dorset Rec Centre on Fridays from 9am to 12pm. This is a "drop-in" for knitters, quilters and needle workers. All are welcome from beginners to advanced. Call Shirley-Anne at (705) 766-2738 or Mildred at (705) 766-0335.
- **Dorset TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter** meets at the Dorset Rec Centre every Monday at 8:30am for a weigh-in and meeting. All are welcome to join this non-profit weight loss support group.
- Anyone interested in or affiliated with **Mental Health Services** are invited to join the Advisory Committee to Mental Health in Haliburton County. Send a letter of interest to: HHMHSAC, Nominating Committee, Box 539 Minden ON K0M 2K0 or call 286-4575
- **Well Baby Drop-In** - Mondays at the HKPR Health Unit in Haliburton. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Weigh your baby, discuss infant care, breastfeeding support, etc. Call 457-1391 ext. 224.
- **The Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre** invites you to come & experience our exciting Self-Care workshops. Each workshop runs from 1 to 3 p.m. Advanced Registration Required. For a list of workshops with dates call 705-748-5901.
- **Family Services of Haliburton County** is in urgent need of volunteer respite workers, someone who can be a special "buddy" and share your interests, or plan a fun activity with a child who has special needs in Tory Hill, Halls Lake, Haliburton, Donald, & Cardiff. Call Marilou at Family Services 457-5345 ext 308.
- **Now Until May 28:** Walkers are welcome to use the halls of Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden from 7:30 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. Mon to Fri. Call Moris Duff 286-6079.
- **Skating:** Anyone interested in couples/singles adult pleasure skating once a week at Minden Arena, please call marilyn 286-6792. Day and time to be decided.
- **February 20 & 21:** 14th Annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival. "No Matter The Weather" Phone: 705-766-9968 for more info. Public parking & shuttle service available.
- **February 21:** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Snowshoeing Workshop presented by Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network and the Leslie M. Frost Centre. To register contact 705-489-4049, info@trailsandtours.on.ca or visit www.trailsandtours.com.
- **February 21:** Annual General Meeting and Dinner of the Haliburton County Fair sponsored by the Minden Agricultural Society at the Minden United Church, Newcastle Street. 5pm til 6:30pm. Call 489-2705.
- **February 23:** The first meeting to build The Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park will be held at the former Somerville Township Office at 7pm. Adults, teens and tweens welcome. Call 488-2919 or 488-1419 for more information.
- **February 23:** Playgroup-Ontario Early Years. A free program open to preschool children & their care givers. Toys, activities, songs, crafts & parenting information. 10am to 1pm. For more info call the Dorset Rec Centre (705) 766-9968.
- **February 24:** Ont. Early Years will be having a pancake & sausage lunch. 286-1770.
- **February 24:** Pancake Supper at the Fenelon Falls United Church. Sittings at 5pm & 6:30pm. Call 887-3040 between 9:00am & 3:00pm on Tues., Wed. or Thurs.
- **February 25:** Ash Wednesday Service, 12 noon, Fenelon Falls United Church. Call 887-3040 between 9:00am & 3:00pm on Tues., Wed. or Thurs.
- **February 24:** 12 noon Craft Time for Adults at the Norland Library. Call 454-8552.
- **February 27:** Kids Movie Night "Freaky Friday" @ the Dorset Rec Centre. Call 766-9968
- **March 2:** The Hazelbrae-Barnardo Home Memorial Group will meet at 1:30pm at Northminster, United Church, Sunset Blvd. For more info phone Ivy at (705) 742-7523. Everyone welcome.
- **March 3:** The Laryngectomy and Family Support Group welcomes laryngectomees and their families to its monthly meeting from 2:00pm to 3:30pm at the Canadian Cancer Society at 727 Lansdowne St. W. in Peterborough. Please feel free to contact CCS at (705) 742-3823 or Jim Riel at (705) 745-3178.
- **March 3:** The Alpha Course at the St. Paul's Anglican Church will begin at 6pm at St. Paul's Minden. A 10 week practical intro to the Christian Faith offers answers to some key questions. Each week begins with an informal "Pot Luck" Dinner, followed by a large group learning time and ends with small group discussions & interaction. Call 286-2541 between 9am - 12 noon, Monday to Thursday.
- **March 3:** Bus trip to Canada Blooms \$45 per person. Bus leaves Minden Municipal parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and returns 9:30 p.m. Arranged by the Minden & District Horticultural Society. All welcome. Call Pat Dearborn 286-5127
- **March 4:** The Alzheimer Society of Victoria County family support group will be held at 10:30am at the Kinmount & District Health Centre, lower level. Open group.
- **March 11:** Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre presents Personal Safety by Sherry Jank, Peterborough Lakeland Community Police, 1 pm- 3 pm. Call 705-748-5901.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca, or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HOWARD JACKSON SUTHERLAND, deceased.

All creditors and others having
 claims against the Estate of
 Howard Jackson Sutherland,
 late of the Township of Minden,
 in the County of Haliburton, who
 died on or about the 15th day of
 January, 2004, are required to
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 ROGER DART, P.O. Box 1038,
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 Executor for the Estate of
 Howard Jackson Sutherland.

440 THANK YOU

WE WISH to express our heart-
 felt appreciation to friends and
 family for their acts of kindness
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 loss of our loving son and broth-
 er Robert Archer. We also wish
 to thank Paramed for their care.
 Thanks to the ambulance at-
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 sent flowers, food and cards.
 Thanks to the Gordon A. Monk
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 Morgan for his comforting
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 1966; Dad-Thomas, December
 17, 1968; Brother-Thomas,
 February 26, 1950; Brother
 Alick, February 27, 1989.
 Till roses lose their petals
 Till heather has lost its dew
 Till the end of time dear loved
 ones
 We will remember you.
 Sadly missed by **Clara and families.**

CAMPBELL, TERRY - In lov-
 ing memory of a dear friend
 who passed away February 17,
 2000.
 Memories are like threads of
 gold.
 They never tarnish or grow old.
 Sadly missed **Pat McMurter.**

460 OBITUARIES

GEORGE GLENN VINEY
Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Wednesday, February 18, 2004.
 In his 79th year.

Beloved husband of 50 years to
 Margaret (nee Bluett) of
 Kinmount. Dear father of
 Katherine and Francis, Valerie
 and John, Norman and Pat,
 George and Cathy, Michael and
 Adeline. Loving grandfather of
 15 grandchildren and 4 great
 grandchildren. Survived by his
 sister Joyce and her husband
 Howard Holmes, and by his
 brothers Charlie and Harry.
 Friends are invited to visit the
 family at the Gordon A. Monk
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 St., P.O. Box 427, Minden,
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 (1-888-588-5777) on Friday,
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 a.m. until the time of the
 Funeral Service in our chapel at
 1:00 p.m. Cremation to follow.
 Reception will be held at the
 Royal Canadian Legion Branch
 #441 Kinmount (upstairs).
 Memorial Donations to the
 Charity of your choice would be
 appreciated by the family.
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DAVIS, MAE ELLA
Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Wednesday, February 18, 2004. At the age of 86.

Beloved wife of the late
 Frank. Dear mother of
 Lois and her husband
 Glen Stata of R.R. #2,
 Minden, Willis Davis of
 R.R. #2, Minden, Doreen
 and her husband John
 O'Loughlin of Lindsay.
 Loving grandmother of
 Gary (Kerry), Larry
 (Lorraine), Marty (Toby),
 Julie, Johnny and great
 grandmother of Todd,
 Amy (Todd), Jody, Ryan,
 Mason and Cody. Sister-
 in-law of May Voicoy.

Friends are invited to visit
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 Minden on Friday,
 February 20, 2004 from
 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral
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 Saturday, February 21,
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Dates: March 2, 9, 23, 30, April 6, 13th 2004

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GLENNA MARGARET MINAKER

Passed away peacefully after a courageous fight with cancer at the Markham Stouffville Hospital

on Friday, February 13, 2004. At the age of 71.

Daughter of the late Mossom and Mabel Minaker. Dear sister of Helen and her husband Ron Loughheed, Chic and his wife Marion Minaker and sister-in-law of June Minaker, predeceased by her sister Joyce and her brother Don. Sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Glenna graduated from Oshawa General Hospital with an RN degree in 1953, she nursed in the Indian Eskimo Hospital in Edmonton and then in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton where she retired. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Funeral Service in the chapel on Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. Spring Interment at Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the Lochlin United Church would be appreciated by the family.

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WILLIAM "BILL" WALLACE HARTIN

Passed away peacefully in his sleep at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, February 12, 2004. In his 73rd year.

Loving husband of Donna (nee McElwain) of Haliburton. Loving father of Gayle and George Stevens of Huntsville, Penny Hartin of Toronto, Laurie Hartin of Scarborough, Chris and Jeff Bilton of Ingersoll, Tony Hartin of London. Loving Grandpa of Jessica, Andrew, Amanda and Casey. Dear brother of Vera Barrett of Orillia, Mike (Mary) Hartin of Kinmount, Ethel (Chuck) Faulkner of Balsam Lake, Fern (Joe) Howe of Brooklin, predeceased by his brothers Gordon, Earle, Albert, Clarence, George, Joe and by his sister Gladys Silver. Fondly remembered by nieces, nephews, family and friends. Missed by his faithful dog Brandy. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Sunday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Then to the Haven of Rest Chapel, Donald for the Funeral Service on Monday, February 16, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. Reception to follow at the Church (downstairs). Memorial Donations to Heart and Stroke Foundation or to Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

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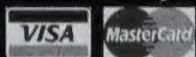
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